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Gates says he committed crimes with Manafort

In this Feb. 23, 2018, file photo, Rick Gates leaves federal court in Washington.

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In this June 22, 2018 file photo, former first lady Michelle Obama speaks at the American Library Association annual conference in New Orleans.

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Michelle Obama is marking the 53rd anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by urging Americans to participate

in a week of action to get people signed up to vote. The former first lady, a co-chairwoman of a nonpartisan organization to encour-

## Michelle Obama announces week of action to sign up voters

age voting, announced Monday that the When We All Vote Week of Action will be held Sept. 22-29. She said members of When We All Vote will be traveling the country to register voters and get them excited about the November midterm elections, when Democrats hope to capitalize on a wave of anger against President Donald Trump and take back control of Congress from the Republicans. "With so much at stake in our country, sitting on the sidelines isn't an option," Mrs. Obama said in

an email to supporters. Flagship events will be held in at least 12 cities, including Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago and New York. The group wants volunteers to host events in other communities that week as well. Other co-chairs of the group include actor Tom Hanks; "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda; singers Janelle Monae, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw; and NBA point guard Chris Paul of the Houston Rockets. The organization said they anticipate that Mrs. Obama and other co-

chairs will attend some of the events. The Voting Rights Act, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Aug. 6, 1965, prohibits racial discrimination in voting. Mrs. Obama said it's important to recognize the organizers, marchers and other volunteers who helped get the law passed. "We want to honor their legacy and continue their work to ensure that every eligible American cast their vote, work that is far from finished," the former first lady said in a video. □

## Orman submits petitions for spot in Kansas governor's race

By **JOHN HANNA**  
AP Political Writer

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)** — A Kansas City-area businessman submitted petitions Monday with more than 10,000 signatures for what could become the most serious independent run for Kansas governor in decades and potentially doom Democrats' efforts to recapture the office.

Greg Orman delivered his campaign's petitions to the Kansas secretary of state's office in hopes of gaining a spot on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. He needs signatures from 5,000 registered voters, and the secretary of state's office hopes to know by the end of next week whether enough signatures are valid. Orman is confident of qualifying. But Democrats are gearing up for a potential legal challenge to Orman's filing. Many Democrats have worried that Orman will pull votes away from their nominee, making it far easier for the Republican to win.



Kansas City-area businessman Greg Orman speaks to reporters after he and his running mate Sen. John Doll delivered more than 10,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's office in Topeka, Kan., Monday morning, Aug. 6, 2018, to formalize their campaign for governor.

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And less than two hours after Orman delivered his petitions, President Donald Trump tweeted his endorsement of hard-right conservative Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach in his bid to unseat Gov. Jeff Colyer in Tuesday's GOP primary. Kansas does not hold run-offs, so a governor could be elected with less than 40 percent of the vote. Orman's aides and supporters have bristled for months at suggestions that he's a potential spoiler helping Republicans. Orman expressed confidence that he'll win in November and said as an independent, he'll lack "natural political enemies" in pursuing policy goals. "The signature-gathering process really does demonstrate that voters want something different," Orman said. "They're looking for leaders who tell the truth, who ultimately put their interests ahead of party bosses and ahead of special interests."

Orman put \$650,000 of his own funds into his campaign for governor in July, to bring its total cash contributions to more than \$1.3 million through last month. He gained national attention for his independent bid for the U.S. Senate in 2014, receiving almost 43 percent of the vote after the Democratic nominee dropped out. But an independent candidate for governor last came close to winning in 1932. Will Lawrence, an attorney and chief of staff for Kansas Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, was present when Orman delivered his petitions and said they will be reviewed carefully to see that their circulation complied with state law. "We're going to scrutinize this process because Greg Orman has not been scrutinized, and he is going to be scrutinized in this election cycle on a number of issues," Lawrence said. "This is just the first step." □





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## Longtime Manafort deputy Rick Gates admits embezzlement

By CHAD DAY and MATTHEW BARAKAT

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)

— The government's star witness in the financial fraud trial of Paul Manafort testified Monday that he embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from the former Trump campaign chairman — and told jurors that he and Manafort committed crimes together.

Rick Gates has been regarded as a crucial witness for the government ever since he pleaded guilty this year to two felony charges and agreed to cooperate in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible ties between Russia and the Trump campaign.

The hugely anticipated courtroom showdown brought Gates face-to-face with his longtime business associate and fellow Trump campaign aide. His testimony, given in short, clipped answers as Manafort rarely broke his gaze from the witness stand, follows that of vendors who detailed Manafort's luxurious spending and financial professionals who told jurors how the defendant hid millions of dollars in offshore accounts.

But Gates, described by witnesses as Manafort's "right-hand man," is expected to provide the most damning testimony about Manafort's state of mind as well as his own role in the crimes.

Gates told jurors that he siphoned off the money without Manafort's knowledge by filing false expense reports. He also admitted to concealing millions of dollars in foreign bank accounts on Manafort's behalf and to

falsifying loan applications and other documents to help Manafort obtain more in bank loans.

"We didn't report the income or the foreign bank accounts," Gates told jurors, noting that he knew he and Manafort were committing crimes each time.

Gates read off the names of more than a dozen shell companies he and Manafort set up in Cyprus, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the United Kingdom to stash the proceeds of Manafort's Ukrainian political consulting work.

Asked whether the money in the accounts was income to Manafort, Gates said, "it was."

Gates said he repeatedly lied to conceal the bank accounts and, at Manafort's direction, he would classify money that came in as either a loan or income to reduce Manafort's tax burden.

Manafort's defense has sought to blame Gates for any illegal conduct and cited the embezzlement to impugn Gates' credibility.

Gates, who also served in a senior role in Donald Trump's presidential campaign, is expected to face aggressive cross-examination once prosecutors are finished questioning him. Gates pleaded guilty to financial fraud and to lying to investigators as he negotiated the plea agreement earlier this year. He is awaiting sentencing.

The criminal case has nothing to do with either man's work for the Trump campaign and there's been no discussion during the trial about whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia — the central question Mueller's team



Thomas Zehnle, second from right, attorney for Paul Manafort, walks with other members of the defense team to Alexandria Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Va., Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

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has tried to answer. But Trump has shown interest in the proceedings, tweeting support for Manafort and suggesting he had been treated worse than gangster Al Capone.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III, who repeatedly interrupted prosecutors last week as they tried to present evidence about Manafort's lavish life such as \$900,000 in expensive suits and a \$15,000 ostrich jacket, clashed again with prosecutor Greg Andres on Monday when Andres delved into the status and identities of the Eastern Europeans who made payments to Manafort.

Ellis said all that's relevant is that Manafort was paid and whether he hid the income from the IRS.

"It doesn't matter whether these are good people, bad people, oligarchs, Mafia. ... You don't need to throw mud at these people," Ellis said.

Andres said he was entitled to show the jury why Manafort was getting tens of millions of dollars in payments.

"When we try to describe the work, Your Honor stops us and tell us to move on," he said.

Prosecutors say Manafort used those companies to stash millions of dollars from his Ukrainian consulting work, proceeds he omitted year-after-year from his income tax returns. Later, they say, when that income dwindled, Manafort launched a different scheme, shoring up his struggling finances by using doctored documents to obtain millions more in bank loans.

All told, prosecutors allege that Manafort failed to report a "significant percentage" of the more than \$60 million they say he received from Ukrainians. They aimed to show jurors how that money flowed

from more than a dozen shell companies used to stash the income in Cyprus. On Friday, a tax preparer named Cindy Laporta admitted that she helped disguise \$900,000 in foreign income as a loan in order to reduce Manafort's tax burden. Laporta, who testified under an immunity deal with the government, acknowledged that she agreed under pressure from Gates to alter a tax document for one of Manafort's businesses.

Under cross-examination Monday, defense attorney Kevin Downing pressed Laporta on the complexities of Manafort's finances as he worked to paint a picture of a political consultant who left the details to professionals and, in particular, to Gates.

Downing also accused Gates of embezzling "millions," a higher amount than Gates later admitted to in his testimony.



# Death penalty decree could be quandary for U.S. politicians

By AMY FORLITI

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Pope Francis' decree that the death penalty is "inadmissible" in all cases could pose a dilemma for Roman Catholic politicians and judges in the United States who are faced with whether to strictly follow the tenets of their faith or the rule of law.

Some Catholic leaders in death penalty states have said they'll continue to support capital punishment. But experts say Francis' change could shift political debates, loom over Supreme Court confirmation hearings, and make it difficult for devout Catholic judges to uphold the law as written.

The question of whether or not Catholic political and judicial leaders would be sinning if they continue to support the death penalty is up for interpretation.

"It's going to be a matter of conscience," said the Rev. Peter Clark, director of the Institute of Clinical Bioethics at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. "Judges may have to recuse themselves from many cases, if they truly think it's in conflict with their conscience."

As with abortion, many Catholic political leaders and judges have been grappling with the death penalty for some time.

Previous church teachings said capital punishment was allowed in some cases if it was the "only possible way of effectively defending human lives against



In this April 18, 2018, file photo, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts speaks at the legislature, in Lincoln, Neb.

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the unjust aggressor." That gave politicians a way to honor their faith and the law.

But on Thursday, the Vatican said Francis changed church teaching to say capital punishment can never be sanctioned because it constitutes an "attack" on human dignity.

"In the past, it was acceptable to say that the Catholic church had a position that the death penalty was acceptable in some circumstances. That's no longer true now," said Marci Hamilton, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Program for Research on Religion. "I think it's going to make it difficult for Catholic jurists to uphold the law as written."

Thirty-one states in the U.S.

allow the death penalty, including Nebraska, where the issue could soon become front-and-center: The state is scheduled to carry out an execution on Aug. 14, its first in more than two decades.

Sister Helen Prejean, the anti-death penalty campaigner whose ministry to a death row inmate inspired the book and film, "Dead Man Walking," asked on Twitter if Gov. Pete Ricketts, who she said has "pro-life values," would heed the pope's direction.

"If we say we are for dignity of all life, that includes innocent and guilty as well," she told The Associated Press.

Ricketts, a Republican and Catholic, worked to reinstate capital punishment in his state after lawmakers

abolished it in 2015. He said the pope's decree doesn't change his stance.

"While I respect the Pope's perspective, capital punishment remains the will of the people and the law of the State of Nebraska," Ricketts said in a statement. "It is an important tool to protect our corrections officers and public safety." The decree is also unlikely to slow the nation's busiest death chamber in Texas, where Republican Gov. Greg Abbott — a devout Catholic — has previously said there was no conflict between his faith and support for the death penalty. His spokeswoman did not return messages about whether the pope's statement might shift Abbott's view. The next execution in Texas is set for Sept. 12.

The church's new teaching will likely feature prominently in the confirmation process for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, who, if confirmed, would bring the total number of Catholics on the bench to five. One former Catholic justice, the late Justice Antonin Scalia, famously said he didn't find the death penalty immoral, and that any judge who did should resign.

Hamilton, the University of Pennsylvania professor, said the pope's decree could be difficult for the devout — especially in a climate where evangelicals and Catholics are increasingly arguing that their faith controls every-

thing they do.

"The difficulty in that kind of reasoning by a judge should be obvious in that they are supposed to interpret the law as given to them," said Hamilton, who clerked for former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

There might be more leeway for politicians, who craft public policy according to what they think is right. Still, she said, it would be inappropriate for a governor to block all death row penalty cases based on his or her faith.

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, a Catholic and a Republican, said his support for the death penalty hasn't wavered. He criticized the Pope's leadership, saying Francis has a "socialist bent" and his statement doesn't change church doctrine.

"He wants to comment on the United States' judicial system, a system that is by far the best, while ignoring the problems of all the other judicial systems around the world," Landry said.

A spokesman for Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards did not return messages seeking comment. Edwards is also Catholic, and Landry has speculated that the governor has deliberately dragged his feet on executions: A judge recently barred Louisiana from carrying out any death sentences until mid-2019, at Edwards' request, after the governor cited trouble obtaining lethal drugs. □

## Congress watchdog: Border wall may cost more, take longer

By ELLIOTT SPAGAT

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — The Trump administration's plans to erect hundreds of miles of border barriers with Mexico fails to adequately consider costs, a congressional watchdog agency said Monday, potentially raising the price and creating delays.

The administration has estimated it will cost \$18 billion for 722 miles (1162 kilometers) of barriers but that was based on an average

cost per mile. The Government Accountability Office said costs can vary considerably based on the slope and topography, land acquisition costs and other factors.

Without more information, the Department of Homeland Security "faces an increased risk that the Border Wall System Program will cost more than projected, take longer than planned, or not fully perform as expected," the GAO wrote.

Customs and Border Protection, an agency within Homeland Security, "does not have complete information to determine whether it is using limited resources in the most cost-effective manner and does not have important cost information that would help it develop future budget requests," the report continues.

Homeland Security official Jim Crumacker, in a response included as an ap-

pendix to the GAO report, said authorities are "following best practices in evaluating costs, budget, and financial impact of border segments." He said financial costs were considered after an operational assessment of where walls were most needed.

Katie Waldman, a Homeland Security Department spokeswoman, said walls have proven "extremely effective."

U.S. Rep. Bennie Thomp-

son, a Mississippi Democrat and ranking member of the House Homeland Security Committee who requested the report, said, "In moving too fast, they have ignored necessary and established acquisitions protocols and plan to build a multibillion-dollar border wall where their own analysis shows it is not a priority. To be blunt, this Administration has no clue what it is doing and must be held accountable." □



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## 5 killed after plane nosedived in Southern California parking lot

**SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)** — Witnesses watched in horror as a small plane banked low in sunny skies over a Southern California shopping center and then suddenly nosedived, crashing into a parking lot and killing all five people on board.

Ella Pham and her boyfriend were walking across the lot Sunday when they saw the twin-engine Cessna plummet.

"We looked up to see the plane falling nose first," Pham, 20, told the Los Angeles Times. "It was so heartbreaking just seeing the plane crumbled into pieces."

The pilot of the Cessna 414 and all four passengers were killed, but nobody on the ground was hurt, authorities said.

Three of the victims were co-workers at Pacific Union International, a San Francisco Bay Area real estate firm, and the two others were their family members, the company said.

Nasim Ghanadan, 29, Floria Hakimi, 62, and Lara Shepherd, 42, were real estate agents based out of an office in Danville, California. Hakimi's son Navid Hakimi, 32, and Shepherd's husband, Scott Shepherd, the plane's 53-year-old pilot, were also killed.

"Our entire Pacific Union family is mourning the loss of our colleagues, family and friends," CEO Mark A. McLaughlin said in a statement. "Life is precious and we are focused on comforting the loved ones affected by this devastating event."

The plane took off from Buchanan Field Airport in Concord, California, according to a flight tracker service.

The pilot declared an emergency but didn't state the nature of his problem before crashing about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from John Wayne Airport, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Albert Nixon said Monday. Nixon didn't know how much time elapsed between the distress call and the crash. The plane was heading to the airport southeast of Los Angeles when it came down in the lot of a Staples store and a CVS pharmacy, Orange County Fire Authority Captain Steve Concialdi said. There was no fire, he said.

Four unoccupied parked cars were struck in the crash, with one suffering major damage, Fire Capt. Tony Bommarito said.

Jesse Perez was eating lunch with a friend at Buffalo Wild Wings, which shares the parking lot, when he heard the crash.

"It sounded like a truck hit the building," he told the Orange County Register.

Customers ran from the restaurant into the lot and saw the wreckage of the white Cessna with green and blue trim.

"Bodies were hanging from out the side of the plane," said Perez, adding that emergency workers were there within minutes. "I couldn't believe what was happening."

Photos from the scene showed the plane crum-

pled and broken apart and the car damaged. Several roads were closed surrounding the shopping center and the busy South Coast Plaza mall across the street.

The plane is registered to a San Francisco-based real estate consulting company, Category III, according to an FAA database. A phone call to the company was not immediately returned.

"Category III is an aeronautical term which refers to a combination of highly trained pilots and sophis-



An investigator surveys the wreckage of a twin-engine aircraft that crashed on Sunday near the South Coast Plaza shopping center Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Santa Ana, Calif.

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ticated cockpit avionics working together to safely land an aircraft in zero visibility conditions," says a statement on the company's website. "We value

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# 11 dead, nearly 70 wounded in weekend violence in Chicago

By MICHAEL TARM

**CHICAGO (AP)** — At least 11 people were shot to death and about 70 wounded in a weekend burst of violence in Chicago that instantly became a political issue when President Donald Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, blamed the carnage on longtime Democratic rule in the city. Police on Monday attributed the dozens of shootings to gangs, the illegal flow of guns and sweltering August heat that drew more people outside.

The victims ranged in age from 11 to 63, according to police. One teenage girl died after being shot in the face. A teenage boy was fatally shot riding a bike Sunday afternoon. Other shootings took place at a block party and a funeral. Even for Chicagoans all too accustomed to violence in parts of the city, the weekend stood out. By way of comparison, at least seven people were killed and 32 wounded during the long Memorial Day weekend, the Chicago Tribune reported.

"Our souls are burdened," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said. "It is unacceptable to happen in any neighborhood of Chicago. We are a better city."

Echoing comments that Trump himself has made repeatedly about Chicago, Giuliani blamed Emanuel — President Barack Obama's White House chief of staff — and decades of "one party Democratic rule" in a series of tweets on Sunday and Monday.

The former New York mayor also tweeted his support for Chicago mayoral candidate and former Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, referring to him as "Jerry" and calling him a



Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson speaks at a news conference accompanied by Mayor Rahm Emanuel Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Chicago. Between 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 6 a.m. Monday morning local time, police say at least 11 people were killed and about 70 were wounded in Chicago. Emanuel and Johnson said the weekend shootings were concentrated in just a few neighborhoods on Chicago's West and South Sides, in areas where street gangs are entrenched. Johnson said the shootings "are not random" and are "fueled by gang conflicts."

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"policing genius."

McCarthy plans to run next February against Emanuel, who fired McCarthy in 2015 after the release of dash-cam video showing a white police officer kill a black teenager by shooting him 16 times.

Misspelling Emanuel's last name, Giuliani tweeted: "He can do a lot better than Mayor Emmanuel who is fiddling while Chicago burns." Giuliani also falsely claimed that Chicago had "63 murders this weekend." The mayor had no immediate comment on Giuliani's attacks.

Most of the shootings happened in poor neighbor-

hoods on the West and South Sides where gangs are entrenched, said Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, standing next to the mayor.

Johnson noted that homicides in the city are down by around 20 percent from last year. But he said gang members and others arrested on gun charges aren't dealt with harshly enough. "It is the same people who are pulling the triggers," he said. "This is a small subset of individuals who think they can play by their own rules because they continue to get a slap on the wrist when we arrest them."

Johnson said at the morn-

ing news conference there had been no arrests in any of the weekend shootings. Days before the attacks, some 200 protesters marched through a well-to-do North Side neighborhood and briefly closed Lake Shore Drive, calling for more resources to stem violence in poor areas.

Tio Hardiman, one of the organizers of last week's rally, said members of the black community need to take the initiative by mediating truces between gangs.

The violence peaked early Sunday, including one shooting on the South Side that wounded eight people.

Security was increased over the weekend at the outdoor Lollapalooza music festival in downtown Chicago, which drew tens of thousands of young people. But Johnson said the officers were on overtime and weren't moved from their regular beats in high-crime areas. City officials say new crime-fighting measures over recent years have helped bring homicide numbers down, including greater reliance on technology that can instantly indicate where gunfire came from. Improved intelligence-gathering has also enabled police to quickly dispatch officers to hotspots where gang violence has just occurred to help thwart revenge attacks. Chicago ended 2017 with 650 homicides, down from 771 the year before. Though the drop was significant, last year's total exceeded the combined number of killings in New York and Los Angeles, the two U.S. cities bigger than Chicago. In a statement, McCarthy called himself a "proud Democrat" and distanced himself from Giuliani's views and "the misguided, divisive tone and policies of Donald Trump." McCarthy said the blame for the bloodshed "lies squarely with Rahm Emanuel's weak leadership and failed policies," not with Chicago Democrats as a whole. □

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## Kids found in rags in New Mexico amid tale of guns, exorcism

By MARY HUDETZ and KATE BRUMBACK

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— A raid on a New Mexico desert compound turned up 11 children wearing rags and living in filth, and also broke open a bizarre tale of guns, exorcism, and a search for a missing young boy who suffers from seizures and is nowhere to be found.

The boy's father was among five people arrested after the raid near the border with Colorado. Documents made public in a court filing Monday said the father told the boy's mother before fleeing Georgia that he wanted to perform an exorcism on the child because he believed he was possessed by the devil.

Taos County Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe said deputies arrested the father, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, and four other adults on child abuse charges after finding the 11 children Friday inside a makeshift compound in the tiny community of Amalia, near the Colorado border. It was littered with "odorous trash" and lacking clean water, authorities said. Inside, Wahhaj, 39, was found heavily armed with multiple firearms, including a loaded AR-15, before he was taken into custody, the sheriff said.

His son, Abdul-ghani, who was 3 when he disappeared last December, was not among the children found. But Hogrefe said authorities have reason to believe the boy was at the compound several weeks ago.

Hogrefe's deputies are searching for the child, along with the FBI and Georgia authorities in Clayton County, where officials say the boy was living before his father took him around Dec. 1, 2017.

The boy's mother told authorities the boy suffers from seizures, cannot walk because of severe medical issues, and requires constant attention.

She told police in December that Wahhaj had taken the boy for a trip to a park and never returned.

Clayton County police said in a missing persons bulletin that Wahhaj and his son were last seen Dec. 13 in Alabama, traveling with five other children and two adults.

Georgia authorities said Wahhaj was traveling through Chilton County on Dec. 13 with seven children and another adult when their car overturned. Wahhaj told police the group was traveling from Georgia to New Mexico to go camping.

The trooper who wrote the report said he found no camping equipment in or near the vehicle but that Wahhaj was in possession of three handguns, two rifles, a bag of ammunition, and a bulletproof vest. Wahhaj told the trooper that he owned the guns legally and had a Georgia permit to carry concealed weapons.

"Mr. Wahhaj seemed to be very concerned about his weapons and stated several times that they were his property and that he owned them legally," the



This Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, photo released by Taos County Sheriff's Office shows a rural compound during an unsuccessful search for a missing 3-year-old boy in Amalia, N.M.

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report said.

It was not immediately known Monday whether Wahhaj and the others charged in the child abuse case in New Mexico — another man and three women believed to be the mother of the 11 children — had retained attorneys. The public defender's office in Taos County did not immediately return telephone message from The Associated Press seeking comment.

The Taos County sheriff identified the women facing charges as 35-year-old Jany Leveille, 38-year-old Hujrah Wahhaj, and 35-year-old Subhannah Wahhaj. They were arrested in the town of Taos and booked into jail.

The search at the com-

pound came amid a two-month investigation in collaboration with Clayton County authorities and the FBI, according to Hogrefe. He said FBI agents surveilled the area a few weeks ago but did not find probable cause to search the property.

That changed when Georgia detectives forwarded a message to Hogrefe's office that initially had been sent to a third party, saying: "We are starving and need food and water."

What authorities found was what Hogrefe called "the saddest living conditions and poverty" he has seen in 30 years on the job.

Other than a few potatoes and a box of rice, there was little food in the compound, which Hogrefe said

consisted of a small travel trailer buried in the ground and covered by plastic with no water, plumbing and electricity.

Hogrefe said the adults and children — ages 1 to 15 — had no shoes, wore dirty rags for clothing and "looked like Third World country refugees."

The grandfather of the missing boy, Imam Siraj Wahhaj of Brooklyn, New York, issued a plea on Facebook for helping finding his grandson.

In a federal court filing in 2006, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj claimed he was harassed on his way to and from Morocco by customs agents at JFK Airport in New York because he is "the son of the famous Muslim Imam Siraj Wahhaj." □



# Saudi Arabia expels Canadian ambassador over criticism

By JON GAMBRELL

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia expelled the Canadian ambassador on Monday and froze "all new business" with Ottawa over its criticism of the ultraconservative kingdom's arrest of women's rights activists — yet another warning to the West reflecting Riyadh's newly assertive foreign policy.

The sudden and unexpected dispute bore the hallmarks of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's 32-year-old future leader, whose recent foreign policy exploits include the war in Yemen, the boycott of Qatar and Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri's surprise resignation broadcast during a visit to the kingdom. Hariri later rescinded the resignation, widely believed to be orchestrated by Riyadh, and returned to Beirut.

Analysts say the dispute between Riyadh and Ottawa shows Saudi Arabia won't accept any outside criticism and will continue flexing its muscles abroad, especially as the kingdom enjoys a closer relationship with President Donald Trump.

"This message is obviously not just being sent to Ottawa," said Giorgio Cafiero, the CEO of Gulf State Analytics, a Washington-based risk consultancy. "It's a message to countries across Europe and across the rest of the world that criticism of Saudi Arabia has consequences."

The Saudi Foreign Ministry made the announcement early Monday, giving Ambassador Dennis Horak 24 hours to leave the kingdom. It wasn't immediately clear if he was in the kingdom. Saudi Arabia said it would recall its ambassador to Canada as well.

"Any further step from the Canadian side in that direction will be considered as acknowledgment of our right to interfere in Canadian domestic affairs," the Foreign Ministry said. "Canada and all other nations need to know that they can't claim to be more



The Saudi Arabian Embassy is shown in Ottawa, Canada, on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018.

Associated Press

concerned than the kingdom over its own citizens." Saudi state television later reported that the Education Ministry was coming up with an "urgent plan" to move thousands of Saudi scholarship students out of Canadian schools to take classes in other countries. The Saudi state airline, Saudia, said in a statement on its official Twitter account that it would suspend all flights to Toronto starting next Monday, Aug. 13. Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates have publicly backed Saudi Arabia in the dispute.

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a statement that Canada was "deeply concerned that Saudi Arabia has expelled Canada's ambassador in response to Canadian statements in defence of human rights activists detained in the kingdom." Freeland also addressed the dispute in a speech in

Vancouver.

"Let me very clear with everyone here and with Canadians who (are) maybe watching and listening. Canada will always stand up for human rights in Canada and around the world, and women's rights are human rights," she said.

The statement said the Canadian Embassy in Riyadh was continuing regular operations.

The dispute appeared centered around tweets by Canadian diplomats calling on the kingdom to "immediately release" detained women's rights activists.

Among the arrested activists is Samar Badawi, whose writer brother Raif Badawi was arrested in Saudi Arabia in 2012 and later sentenced to 1,000 lashes and 10 years in prison for insulting Islam while blogging. His case long has been raised by international human rights groups and Western diplomats, includ-

ing Canadians, who have called on Saudi Arabia to free him. His wife, Ensaf Haidar, lives in Canada and received Canadian citizenship in July at a Canada Day ceremony with their three children.

Freeland tweeted about the arrests on Thursday.

"Very alarmed to learn that Samar Badawi, Raif Badawi's sister, has been imprisoned in Saudi Arabia," she wrote. "Canada stands together with the Badawi family in this difficult time, and we continue to strongly call for the release of both Raif and Samar Badawi."

Saudi Arabia in June lifted its ban on women from driving cars — a ban Samar Badawi and other women's rights activists have long campaigned against.

However, supporters of women's rights were arrested just weeks before the ban was lifted, signaling that only King Salman and

his powerful son, Crown Prince Mohammed, will decide the pace of change. Saudi women still need permission from male guardians to travel abroad or marry.

It isn't clear what new business would be affected by Saudi Arabia's expulsion of Ottawa's envoy. Canada receives 10 percent of its imported crude oil from Saudi Arabia, while bilateral trade between the two nations is \$3 billion a year.

Armored tanks and personnel carriers have been Canada's biggest recent export to the kingdom. A London, Ontario-based firm called General Dynamics Land Systems signed a \$15 billion deal with Saudi Arabia in 2014 to export its light-armored vehicles to the kingdom, the largest-ever arms deal for Canada. The dispute with Canada is part of a larger pushback against external criticism, analysts say. Germany similarly has found itself targeted by the kingdom in recent months over comments by its officials on the Saudi-led war in Yemen. It's also not the first time Saudi Arabia has lashed out diplomatically over the Badawi case. In 2015, Saudi Arabia recalled its ambassador to Sweden and stopped issuing work visas for Swedes after the Scandinavian country's foreign minister described the Badawi court decision as "medieval" and the kingdom's ruling Al Saud family as presiding over a "dictatorship."

Saudi Arabia also expelled Iran's ambassador over attacks on its diplomatic posts following its 2016 execution of a prominent Shiite cleric. Ayham Kamel, the head of the Eurasia Group's Middle East practice, said Canada should have expected repercussions for championing the Badawis, given Crown Prince Mohammed's assertiveness.

"The win (for the Saudis) is that everyone will get the message," Kamel said. "This is not just to Canada's mailbox. It is about sending a message to the entire West that you don't get to lecture us." □



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## Gas truck explodes on Italian highway; 2 dead, scores hurt

By COLLEEN BARRY

**MILAN (AP)** — A tanker truck carrying a highly flammable gas exploded Monday after rear-ending a stopped truck on a crowded highway near the northern Italian city of Bologna. At least two people were killed, up to 70 injured and part of the raised expressway collapsed in the fireball.

Police said the accident and subsequent fire and explosion injured between 60 and 70 people, some with severe burns. It also shut down a highway north of the city that is a key route between northern Italy and the Adriatic Coast and other points south, including Florence and Rome, the capital.

A police video showed the tanker failing to slow



In this photo released by the Italian firefighters, an helicopter view of the explosion on a highway in the outskirts of Bologna, Italy, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

Associated Press

down quick enough and plowing into the rear of a truck stopped in traffic, with flames exploding on

impact. Another truck appeared to hit the tanker from behind. After an unspecified time lapse, dur-

ing which the highway was cleared of most other vehicles, the truck erupted in a second, enormous ex-

plosion that spanned eight lanes of the highway and beyond.

Flames shot up into the air, followed by a thick black cloud of smoke. Aerial photos showed a gaping hole left in the raised highway. TV images hours after the flames were doused showed the burned-out skeletons of hulking tractor trailers.

Italian prosecutors said the tanker was filled with liquefied petroleum gas, otherwise known as propane, used as a fuel in heaters, cooking equipment and vehicles.

Firefighters said the extreme heat of the flames caused the raised roadway to collapse, sending a heat explosion that incinerated dozens of automobiles on new car lots nearby. □

## Eurozone rescue fund pays final bailout loan to Greece

Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — A rescue fund set up to help euro-using countries paid its final 15 billion-euro (\$17.3 billion) bailout loan to Greece on Monday after objections by Germany delayed the payment by several weeks. The European Stability Mechanism said 9.5 billion euros (nearly \$11 billion) of the loan would go to-

ward a cash buffer Greece could use to meet its financial needs for almost two years. The other 5.5 billion euros (\$6.4 billion) was earmarked for paying off some of the country's considerable debt.

The Greek government hailed the payment as "the last act of the bailout drama." "Greece can now begin a new page of progress,

justice and growth," Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' office said in a statement. "We face a lot of work ahead, but also a new prospect, at last, for the majority" of the Greek people.

Greece has depended on rescue loans from its European partners and the International Monetary Fund since 2010. The third, and last, bailout runs out on

Aug. 20; after that, Greece will have to rely on international bond markets for money.

The cash buffer means the government won't be in a hurry to do so, given the country's sub-investment grade credit rating and the high rates private investors would demand on loans. European Stability Mechanism Managing Direc-

tor Klaus Regling said the disbursement showed "Greece has come a long way" in managing the bailout and that "the commitment and hard work of the Greek people are now paying off."

In mid-July, Germany objected to immediate payment of the final installment, claiming Athens had not met all the requirements. □



# Yemen: US allies strike deals with al-Qaida in war on rebels

By MAGGIE MICHAEL  
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Associated Press

**ATAQ, Yemen (AP)** — A military coalition led by Saudi Arabia and backed by the United States has cut secret deals with al-Qaida fighters, paying some to leave key cities and towns the militants had seized across Yemen and letting others retreat with weapons, equipment and wads of looted cash, an investigation by The Associated Press has found. Hundreds more were recruited to join the coalition itself.

Again and again over the past two years, the coalition has claimed to win decisive victories that drove al-Qaida militants from their strongholds and shattered their ability to attack the West. What the victors didn't disclose: many of those conquests came without firing a shot.

The compromises and alliances have allowed al-Qaida militants to survive to fight another day — and risk strengthening the most dangerous branch of the terror network that carried out the 9/11 attacks.

Key participants in the pacts said the U.S. was aware of the arrangements and held off on any drone strikes as the al-Qaida fighters retreated in plain sight. The AP's findings are based on reporting in Yemen and interviews with two dozen officials, including Yemeni security officers, militia commanders, tribal mediators and four members of al-Qaida's branch. All but a few of those sources spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing reprisals. Emirati-backed factions, like most armed groups in Yemen, have been accused of abducting or killing their critics.

The deals uncovered by the AP reflect the contradictory interests of the two wars being waged simultaneously in this southwestern corner of the Arabian Peninsula.

In one conflict, the U.S. is working with its Arab allies — particularly the United Arab Emirates — with the



Coalition-backed fighters advance on Yemen's Red Sea port town of Mocha in this Jan. 11 2017, photo.

Associated Press

aim of eliminating the extremists known as Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP. But the larger mission is to win the civil war against the Houthis, Iranian-backed Shiite rebels. In that fight, al-Qaida is effectively on the same side as the coalition — and, by extension, the United States.

The U.S. has sent the coalition billions of dollars in weapons to fight the Houthis, and American jets provide air-to-air refueling for coalition war planes. The U.S. does not fund the coalition, however, and there is no evidence that American money went to AQAP militants.

"Elements of the U.S. military are clearly aware that much of what the U.S. is doing in Yemen is aiding AQAP and there is much angst about that," said Michael Horton, a fellow at the Jamestown Foundation, a U.S. analysis group that tracks terrorism.

But supporting allies against "what the U.S. views as Iranian expansionism takes priority over battling AQAP and even stabilizing Yemen," Horton said.

The AP found that coalition-funded militia commanders actively recruit al-Qaida militants — considered to be exceptional fighters — or fighters who until very recently were members of the group.

Abdel-Sattar al-Shamiri, a former adviser to the governor of Taiz province, said he recognized al-Qaida's presence from the start and told commanders not to recruit members.

"Their response was, 'We will unite with the devil in the face of Houthis,'" al-Shamiri said.

A militia commander in Taiz, known as Aboul Abbas, was put on the U.S. terrorism list for al-Qaida ties last year. But he continues to receive money from the UAE for his militia, his aide Adel al-Ezzi told the AP. Al-Ezzi rejected the U.S. accusation, denying any terrorism links. Soon after his comments, the AP saw him meeting with a known AQAP commander.

Another Taiz commander — Adnan Rouzek, who was recently given \$12 million by Yemen's president for his fighting force — has a

known al-Qaida figure as his closest aide.

The U.S. is aware of an al-Qaida presence among anti-Houthi ranks, a senior American official told reporters in Cairo earlier this year. Because coalition members back militias with hard-line Islamic commanders, "it's very, very easy for al-Qaida to insinuate itself into the mix," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity under the briefing's terms. The Pentagon denied any complicity with al-Qaida.

"Since the beginning of 2017, we have conducted more than 140 strikes to remove key AQAP leaders and disrupt its ability to use ungoverned spaces to recruit, train and plan operations against the U.S. and our partners across the region," spokesman Navy Cmdr. Sean Robertson said in an email.

"Our regional partners have a proven track record of aggressively pursuing terrorist organizations and denying them safe haven in Yemen and DOD does not have any reason to doubt their resolve," he wrote.

The Saudi-led coalition commented by saying it "continues its commitment to combat extremism and terrorism."

The UAE did not respond to repeated requests for comment. But on Monday, Emirati Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash tweeted that the UAE-backed counter-terrorism strategy had "removed" thousands of militants and deprived them of safe havens. AQAP is "at its weakest since 2012," he wrote.

In early 2016, al-Qaida pulled out of the southern port city of Mukalla and seven areas in the nearby Abyan province, under deals reached with the UAE, according to five military, security and government officials and four tribal mediators involved in the Abyan arrangement.

That agreement included a provision that 10,000 local tribesmen — including 250 al-Qaida militants — would be incorporated into the Security Belt, the UAE-backed Yemeni force in the area, an al-Qaida negotiator and two Security Belt commanders said. An accord for the withdrawal in February from the town of al-Said in Shabwa province went further, the AP found. The coalition promised payments to al-Qaida members who left, according to Shabwa's security chief Awad al-Dahboul, a mediator and two government officials.

Al-Dahboul said about 200 al-Qaida members received payments. He did not know the exact amounts, but said 100,000 Saudi rials (\$26,000) were handed over to one al-Qaida leader in the presence of Emirati commanders.

Thousands of tribal fighters, including AQAP members, also were to be taken into the UAE-funded Shabwa Elite militia, the mediator and two officials said.

Al-Shamiri, the former official from Taiz, warned that the militants will be difficult to uproot after filtering into such roles. "We will get rid of Houthis and we will be struck with terrorist groups." □





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## Hiroshima remembers atomic bombing on 73rd anniversary

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Hiroshima marked the anniversary of the Aug. 6, 1945, atomic bombing of the city with a somber ceremony Monday to remember those killed and injured and a call to eliminate nuclear weapons amid hopes of denuclearizing North Korea.

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui opened his speech by describing the hellish scene of the blast that morning 73 years ago and the agony of the victims, telling the audience to listen "as if you and your loved ones were there." Then he raised concerns



A woman burns a stick of incense at the cenotaph dedicated to the victims of atomic bombing at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, western Japan, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

Associated Press

about the global rise of egocentrism and tensions, and urged Japan's government to take more leader-

ship toward achieving a truly nuclear-free world. "Certain countries are blatantly proclaiming self-

centered nationalism and modernizing their nuclear arsenals, rekindling tensions that had eased with the end of the Cold War," Matsui said, without identifying the nations. Nuclear deterrence and nuclear umbrellas are "inherently unstable and extremely dangerous" approaches that seek to maintain international order by only generating fear in rival countries, he said, urging world leaders to negotiate in good faith to eliminate nuclear arsenals instead.

The U.S. attack on Hiroshima killed 140,000 people, and the bombing of Nagasaki killed more than 70,000

three days later, leading to Japan's surrender and ending World War II.

Matsui said in his speech that Japan's government should do more to achieve a nuclear-free world by helping the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons take effect. Japan, which hosts U.S. troops and is covered by the U.S. nuclear umbrella protecting it from attack, has not signed the treaty.

Japan should live up to the spirit of its pacifist constitution to lead the international community "toward dialogue and cooperation for a world without nuclear weapons," Matsui said. □

## Malaysia: Indonesia returns yacht at center of graft probe



Luxury yacht "Equanimity" is anchored in the waters off Batam Island, Indonesia, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said Monday that Indonesia has handed over a luxury yacht allegedly bought with money stolen from the multibillion-dollar

looting of a state investment fund.

In a Facebook video, Mahathir thanked Indonesia's government and President Joko Widodo for returning the \$250 million yacht, Equanimity, which was seized by Indonesia off Bali

in February in cooperation with the U.S. FBI.

"We believe that this yacht belongs to the Malaysian government because it was bought with Malaysia's money that was stolen," Mahathir said, citing an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng said the yacht has set sail from the Indonesian island of Batam near Singapore and is expected to arrive in Malaysia's Port Klang on Tuesday.

"At the end of the day, the yacht must be sold off" so that Malaysia can recover as much money as possible from it, Lim said.

The Justice Department, one of several foreign agencies investigating the alleged looting of the 1MDB fund by associates

of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, had listed the yacht among the assets it could seize and sell to recover stolen funds.

Najib set up 1MDB when

he took power in 2009 but it accumulated billions in debts. The 1MDB scandal led to his shocking electoral defeat in May and Najib is now facing charges. □



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# Lula da Silva's party chooses Plan B in Brazil race

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Brazil's left-leaning Workers' Party announced Monday that former Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad will become its presidential candidate if, as expected, jailed ex-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is barred from running in the October election.

The announcement by party chairwoman Gleisi Hoffmann immediately propels a candidate who has barely registered in the polls thus far to one of the leading contenders to become Brazil's next president.

Hoffmann said that Haddad "will travel nationwide carrying Lula's voice," making him a surrogate for a once wildly popular leader who still garners much support despite mounting legal problems. Polls show da Silva with a clear lead in this year's race even though a corruption conviction will almost certainly block his candidacy.

Da Silva says he is innocent and is still appealing the conviction, which by law makes him ineligible to run for office. However, Brazil's electoral court makes final decisions on candidacies, and the Workers' Party is holding out hope of the political equivalent of a miracle as the election ap-



Sao Paulo's former mayor Fernando Haddad speaks during the Workers Party national convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

Associated Press

proaches.

A 55-year-old economist, lawyer and university professor, Haddad was education minister under Workers' Party Presidents da Silva and Dilma Rousseff, then won election as mayor of Brazil's largest city in 2012. Improvements his administration made to transportation infrastructure in Sao Paulo along with a drug reduction program helped give him a reputation of a modernizing and competent steward.

But he proved an uncharismatic politician and failed

to even make the runoffs in his attempt at re-election in 2016. In that way, the party is gambling that voters will support a candidate whose communication often comes across as academic and uninspiring simply because da Silva picked him.

While many on the left may question picking Haddad, da Silva didn't have many choices. Some more popular members of the party have been jailed for corruption or have cases against them. Others lost re-election bids in 2016

amid tanking popularity of the party, while others decided to sit out this presidential race and instead go for congressional, senate or gubernatorial seats. Even so, political analyst Alberto Almeida, author of "The Vote of the Brazilians," said he expects Haddad's link with da Silva means Haddad will at least propel him into the top two in the first round of voting on Oct. 7, qualifying him for the runoff three weeks later.

Hoffmann said that Haddad would drop even out of the vice presidential race if da

Silva is allowed to run, leaving the running-mate slot to Manuela D'Avila, a young and telegenic state legislator from the Communist Party of Brazil, which has 10 seats in Congress out of 513.

"Lula asked us to make a formal request for Manuela to be candidate for vice president. Her candidacy had an important role to build this unity," the Workers' Party chairwoman said. As part of the arrangement, D'Avila gave up her own presidential bid. The Workers' Party will have the Communist Party as its junior partner, along with a small centrist party and another fringe party on the far left.

Da Silva remains a towering political figure even from behind bars. The labor leader-turned-president oversaw a dramatic rise in Brazil's economy from 2003-2010, pulling millions from poverty and making the country a prominent player on the world stage.

But in the past few years, with da Silva out of office, the political mood has darkened as the economy has slumped and a far-reaching corruption investigation has ensnared hundreds of politicians and businessmen — including da Silva. □

# Nicaragua NGO closes offices amid unrest, denounces threats

Associated Press

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)** — A rights group that has documented killings during months of political unrest in this Central American nation says it is closing its offices due to threats and harassment targeting its staff.

The Nicaraguan Pro-Human Rights Association said in a statement late Saturday that its facilities have been besieged by "unauthorized armed groups and threatening phone calls." It also complained of "illegal practices of judicial persecution and criminalization without legal basis" against its personnel. It did not directly identify those it

believes are responsible.

The group says government security forces and armed, allied civilian groups are responsible for most of the 448 deaths it has documented since the protests began April 19.

President Daniel Ortega has denied responsibility and accuses those demanding he leave office of attempting a coup.

The government has acknowledged 195 killed in the unrest, while the Organization of American States said Thursday that it has counted 317 deaths.

The rights association has been among the most active in calling for an end to the violence and for the re-



In this July 26, 2018 file photo, a demonstrator fires a home made mortar while others gather to commemorate 100 days of anti-government protests, in Managua, Nicaragua.

Associated Press

lease of people arrested. It said the closures are necessary to protect staff and for now it will be attending

to complaints online only. The group's director, Alvaro Leiva, could not immediately be reached for com-

ment.

The association's most recent report said 55 of the killings came in Masaya, southeast of the capital, where protesters had maintained barricades for weeks in the Monimbo neighborhood until a deadly crackdown to clear the streets. There, like elsewhere, the group sought to mediate between police and authorities.

"Dr. Leiva has put (his life) on the line amid bullets and lots of violence. If not for him, who knows how many more dead there would have been in Masaya," said Edwin Roman, parish priest of the San Miguel Church in the city. □



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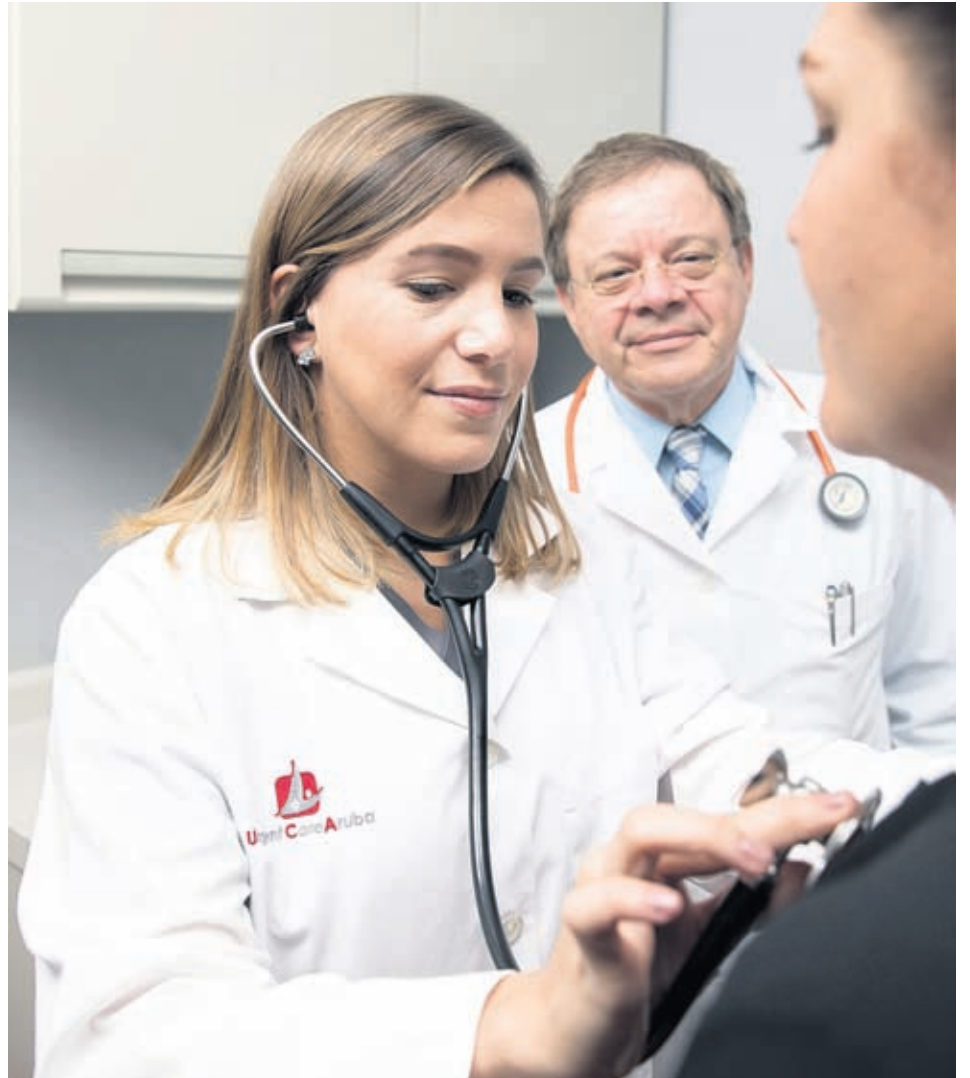
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The honorees Mr. Justin & Mrs. Melissa Egan have been visiting Aruba for 10 consecutive years and are staying at Casa del Mar. Ms. Emely Ridderstaat together with Marlin of Casa del Mar presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □





## Fruit Loose

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mango's hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

### Mispel



This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year- round.

### Kenepa



Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

### Druif



There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

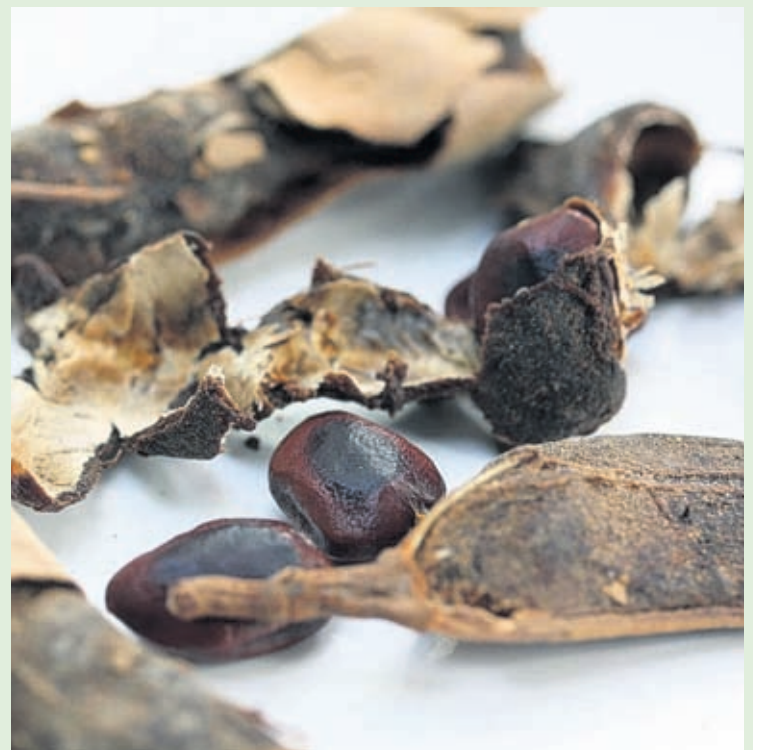
### Shimarucu



Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimaruku. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarukus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

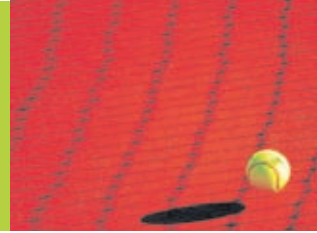
### Tamarind

A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March. □





# SPORTS



## Fighting sex abuse in Olympic sports a difficult task

By **EDDIE PELLIS**

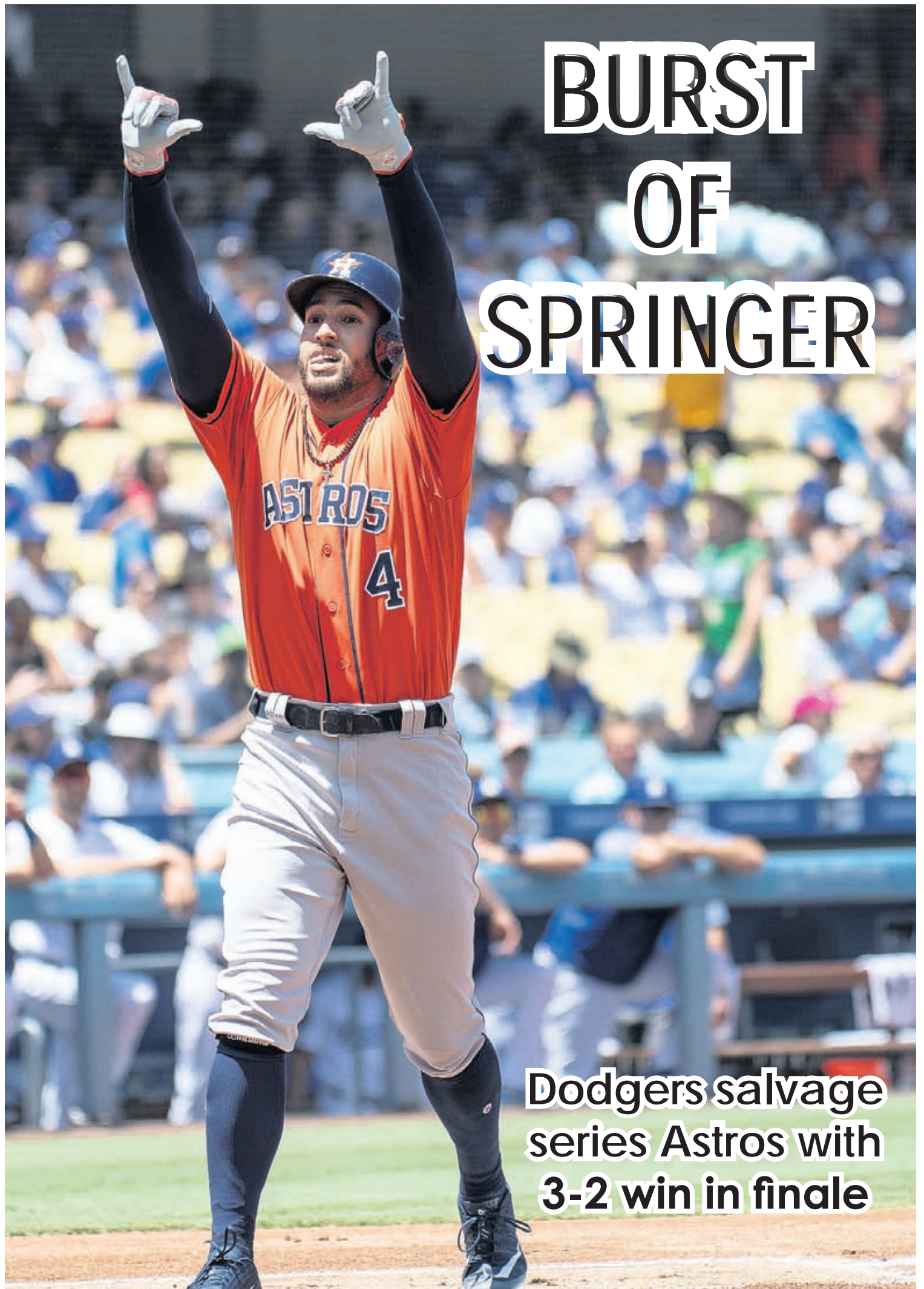
AP National Writer

Judges, event organizers and even some riders were caught off-guard earlier this year when a well-known equestrian judge got booted out of one of the year's biggest horse shows.

Turns out, the judge's name had been flagged by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, the newly created office charged with overseeing sex-abuse cases in Olympic sports, because he had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor sex assault five years earlier, in a case that had nothing to do with minors or anyone in his sport. Had he been at the show in a Philadelphia suburb working as a trainer, however, his case may have never been discovered. While judges in the horse-show world receive maximum scrutiny in an effort to protect athletes from sex abuse, the federation that oversees the sport on the Olympic level does not apply the same standards to the vast majority of the sport's trainers and coaches — the individuals who have the most day-to-day contact with the riders.

The case involving the judge, Robert Bielefeld, offers an eye-opening window into some of the difficulties and unintended consequences presented by the U.S. Olympic movement's mission to combat sex-abuse within its ranks.

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## BURST OF SPRINGER

**Dodgers salvage series Astros with 3-2 win in finale**

Houston Astros' George Springer celebrates his solo home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Los Angeles, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018.





New York Liberty's Kia Nurse, left, and Seattle Storm's Natasha Howard fight for a loose ball in the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

## Stewart, Howard help Storm beat Liberty 96-80

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Breanna Stewart and the Seattle Storm weren't concerned when the New York Liberty made a run to take a lead early in the fourth quarter. They knew it was only a matter of time before they went on their own burst to put the game away. The Storm scored 15 straight points to turn a two-point deficit into a 13-point lead and never looked back in a 96-80 victory over the Liberty on Monday at a camp day game at Madison Square Garden. "It was a grind-out game for us until that point," said Stewart, who scored 32 points. "We felt like that run was coming, it wasn't if it was coming, it was when." Stewart's 3-point play started the game-changing run. Natasha Howard added 14 points, 10 rebounds, five blocks and five steals for the Storm (22-7). She did a little bit of everything for Seattle during the spurt: a block, steal, basket and rebound. She also kept a few plays alive on both ends of the floor with her hustle. "She's so active. The stat line — that's a crazy stat line," Stewart said. "She's in a good place. She knows what we expect from her." By the time Sugar Rodgers scored with just over 2 minutes left the game, it was out of reach for New York,

which has dropped seven straight and 15 of its last 18 games. "The effort was definitely there. Everyone was playing hard," said Tina Charles, who scored 20 points. "We ran up against a really great team." Kia Nurse also scored 20 points and Amanda Zahui B had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Liberty (7-21). It's New York's longest losing skid since dropping the final seven games of the 2013 season. This was only the second game at the Garden this season — both were kids' day games. The Liberty moved all the other home games to the Westchester County Center, which seats about 2,500. Buoyed by an energetic crowd of 12,488, which included owner James Dolan and Chelsea Clinton, New York got off to a strong start against the WNBA's top team. They were tied at 44 at the half. Seattle built a nine-point lead in the third quarter, but the Liberty rallied behind Zahui B to take a 74-72 lead before fading. Jewell Loyd added 17 points and seven assists for the Storm. Seattle has already clinched a playoff spot, while New York was eliminated from the post-season with its loss Saturday to Indiana. It's the first time since 2014 that the Liberty didn't make the playoffs. □

## Eagles extend Doug Pederson, Roseman contracts through 2022



Philadelphia Eagles head coach Doug Pederson runs a play during practice at NFL football training camp, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

**By ROB MAADDI**  
**AP Pro Football Writer**  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A Super Bowl victory gave Doug Pederson and Howie Roseman more job security. The Philadelphia Eagles signed their coach and executive vice president of football operations to contract extensions through the 2022 season. Coming off the franchise's first championship since 1960, the team announced the deals an hour before a sellout crowd watched an open practice Sunday night at Lincoln Financial

Field. Pederson is entering his third season as coach. He originally signed a four-year contract with a club option for 2020. Roseman began his career with the team as an unpaid intern in 2000, rose to become the youngest general manager in the NFL at age 34 in 2010, overcame a season in exile in 2015 after losing a power struggle to former coach Chip Kelly and returned to put together a championship team. "We are thrilled to solidify

continuity in our organization's leadership," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "Doug and Howie are committed to the success of our franchise by ensuring that we remain competitive, both in the short and long term. That unified vision for the future of our team is what gives us the best chance to win moving forward." Pederson, a longtime backup quarterback in the NFL, came to Philadelphia the first time in 1999 as a starter for Andy Reid. He groomed rookie Donovan McNabb that season and spent several more years in the NFL. Pederson began his coaching career as an assistant under Reid in 2009, followed Reid to Kansas City in 2013 and was hired by the Eagles to replace Chip Kelly in 2016. He guided a team that overcame numerous injuries last season to a 41-33 victory over Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl. The Eagles were led by backup quarterback Nick Foles after Carson Wentz sustained a season-ending knee injury in Week 14. □

## 49ers' Richard Sherman sidelined by hamstring strain

**By CHRIS BIDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**  
**SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)** — San Francisco newcomer Richard Sherman will miss the next week of training camp and the 49ers' pre-season opener after straining a hamstring in practice Friday. "We're definitely going to rest him at least a week," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said Saturday. "We don't think it should be long term. It's Grade 1, it's a little higher than we

expected so we got to be careful with that." The former Seattle cornerback was hurt chasing down receiver Pierre Garcon after a long completion from Jimmy Garoppolo during a full-team drill. The three-time All-Pro returned to practice at the start of training camp after suffering a torn right Achilles in November with the Seahawks. Sherman signed a three-year \$39.15 million deal in the offseason after being cut by Seattle.

In Sherman's place Sunday, the 49ers rotated Tyvis Powell and Greg Mabin with the starting defense. Jimmie Ward stepped in for Sherman during the off-season program but has been withheld from full-team drills after suffering a hamstring strain last week. Ward has participated during individual portions of the last two practices. San Francisco opens its pre-season slate Thursday night at home against the Dallas Cowboys. □





# Buzarnescu captures first career singles title at San Jose

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — For a moment as she celebrated her first career title, an emotional, overjoyed Mihaela Buzarnescu stood on the court and made an apology for a tournament missing major star power. No Serena Williams. No Venus. They each had early exits, leaving no Americans to cheer for Sunday in the Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic.

"I'm sorry that there was no American in the final but, well, I'm really happy to be on the poster next year so that's really amazing for me," she said.

Just with those words, the fifth-seeded Romanian drew big applause and chuckles.

Her gracious spirit, steady strokes and entertaining play sure helped, too.

Buzarnescu is a champion at last at age 30, beating 49th-ranked Maria Sakkari

of Greece 6-1, 6-0 at San Jose State University.

No. 24-ranked Buzarnescu threw her arms in the air in triumph and hit a ball into the stands Sunday after closing out the match with a 107 mph ace on a day several Romanian flags were held in the stands. She raised her racket, waved and acknowledged those fans, too.

"It really means a lot," she said. "It means all my work has paid off. It means everything."

Buzarnescu, a left-hander who ranked No. 142 only a year ago and has come back from two knee surgeries, mixed her shots beautifully with laser groundstrokes to send Sakkari chasing down balls in the corners while adding some slice and drop shots.

She is thrilled to be on the rise at this stage in her topsy-turvy career after considering what her next move would be beyond

tennis as her troublesome knees baffled the doctors.

"I just didn't give up because I had my closest friends and my family who supported me," Buzarnescu said of reaching this high point. "... Now I believe in it and before I didn't believe in anything."

Serena Williams, the Wimbledon runner-up, suffered a career-worst 6-1, 6-0 loss in her opener to Johanna Konta while playing just her fifth tournament since giving birth to her daughter last September. Sakkari eliminated Venus Williams in the quarterfinals on Friday night.

"I gained confidence and experience. It has been a great week for me," Sakkari said. "I think I will be more prepared for my next final." Sakkari missed on four break-point chances in the final game of the first set, when Buzarnescu double-faulted twice, while the last two games of the opening



Mihaela Buzarnescu, of Romania, kisses the winner's trophy after defeating Maria Sakkari, of Greece, during the finals of the Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic tennis tournament in San Jose, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018. Buzarnescu won 6-1, 6-0.

Associated Press

set featured nine deuces. Sakkari reached her first career final after surviving near elimination — she was two games from losing — in a 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 semifinal victory against Danielle Col-

ins. That was the only set she lost all week before Sunday.

By the final, she was nervous and physically spent. "She could do anything she wanted. That was easier for her," Sakkari said. "She handled it great. She took the opportunity I was not playing good. I felt like I didn't have any solutions."

Buzarnescu rallied from a set down to beat fourth-seeded Elise Mertens 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the semifinals.

After Sunday's win, she was quick to credit the 23-year-old Sakkari for a sensational week of tennis and expressed hope they will both face off in many big matches again down the line after meeting for the first time.

"I hope we will play again and again and the best should win," she said while thanking everyone who supported the event formally held at Stanford University. □

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# Red Sox tie it 9th, beat Yankees in 10th for 4-game sweep

**BOSTON (AP)** — Andrew Benintendi's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning capped Boston's rally from three runs down in the ninth against New York closer Aroldis Chapman, and the Red Sox completed a four-game sweep over the rival Yankees with a 5-4 victory on Sunday night.

Boston opened a 9 1/2-game lead atop the AL East over the Yankees, who lost their season-high fifth straight.

Boston (79-34) has won eight of nine games and owns the majors' best record.

The Yankees hadn't been swept in a four-game series by the Red Sox when they entered a series 30 or more games over .500 since 1939, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Sandy Leon looped a two-out single off Jonathan Holder (1-3) in the 10th and advanced on a wild pitch. Tony Renda pinch-ran before Benintendi's single bounced up the middle to the right of second-base.

Matt Barnes (4-3) worked a perfect inning in the top of the 10th.

INDIANS 4, ANGELS 3

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Jose Ramirez hit a three-run homer, rookie Shane Bieber picked up his sixth win and Cleveland beat Los Angeles.

Ramirez's home run in the first inning — his 33rd of the season — came against Deck McGuire, called up from Triple-A Salt Lake to start in place of the injured Tyler Skaggs.

Before the game Angels manager Mike Scioscia dismissed a report that he's stepping down after this season. Scioscia, who has managed the Angels since 2000, said before Sunday's game that he won't talk about his future with the club until the season ends. The Angels were missing outfielder Mike Trout for the fourth straight game with a lingering right wrist injury.

McGuire (0-2) retired only one batter, allowed three runs and was pulled with the bases loaded in the first.



**New York Yankees' Aroldis Chapman reacts during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Boston, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

Bieber (6-2) allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings.

WHITE SOX 8, RAYS 7

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Daniel Palka hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the ninth inning and Chicago completed its first three-game sweep in a year.

It was Chicago's first three-game sweep since Aug. 8-10, 2017 against Houston. The White Sox's last three-game road sweep occurred April 25-27, 2016 at Toronto.

Palka had struck out in each of his first four at-bats before connecting on his 17th homer off Diego Castillo (2-2) with two outs.

Hector Santiago (4-3) went the final 1 1/3 innings for the win.

C.J. Cron had a leadoff double in the ninth off Santiago and scored one out later on Kevin Kiermaier's two-base hit. After Brandon Lowe walked, Jesus Sucre hit into a double play.

Tampa Bay tops the majors in one-run losses (26) and one-run games (46).

TWINS 6, ROYALS 5

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Rookie Jake Cave hit his first career grand slam and closer Fernando Rodney survived a chaotic ninth inning as Minnesota beat Kansas City.

Rodney gave up Whit Merrifield's fourth hit of the game leading off the ninth, but catcher Mitch Garver threw him out trying to steal second. Rodney then allowed two more base runners, but with the tying run 90 feet away he retired Rosell Herrera on a ground ball to earn his 24th save in 30 chances.

Royals starter Danny Duffy (7-10) had allowed just two earned runs over 19 innings in three starts against the Twins this season. But the fourth time around, the Twins roughed him up for six runs in six innings, the biggest blow being Cave's grand slam in the second inning.

Lefty Gabriel Moya (2-0) got the Twins out of a two-on, one-out jam in the fifth and earned his second career victory. He picked up

career win No. 1 in Friday's series opener.

ATHLETICS 6, TIGERS 0

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Trevor Cahill struck out 10 in six innings, Khris Davis and Matt Chapman both homered for the second consecutive game and Oakland beat Detroit to complete a season sweep. Matt Olson also homered and Ramon Laureano added three hits and an RBI to help the streaking A's win their sixth straight.

Oakland won all seven games against Detroit this season and has a franchise-record 12 consecutive victories over the Tigers. It was the first time in Oakland history that the team did not give up an earned run in a series of three or more games.

Cahill (4-2) walked one and yielded three hits to win three consecutive starts for the first time since 2012. He improved to 3-0 with a 0.99 ERA in seven starts at the Coliseum this season.

Yusmeiro Petit, Lou Trivino and Ryan Buchter finished

the five-hitter.

Davis hit his 31st home run leading off the fourth against starter Francisco Liriano (3-6).

ORIOLES 9, RANGERS 6

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Mark Trumbo homered twice and drove in five runs as Baltimore beat Texas to avoid a four-game sweep. Trumbo's two-run homer in the third inning put the Orioles ahead to stay at 6-5 against Drew Hutchison (1-2), who was making his Rangers debut. The teams had scored in every half-inning before that, with the lead changing hands in four of those.

Trumbo added a two-run shot against Matt Moore in the seventh. Austin Wynns and Jonathan Villar also homered for Baltimore.

Tanner Scott (2-2), the second of six Orioles pitchers, shut out Texas for 2 1/3 innings. Baltimore's bullpen allowed only one run and one hit in 7 1/3 innings. Mychal Givens retired the final four batters for his second save.

MARINERS 6, BLUE JAYS 3

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Kyle Seager hit two home runs and Nelson Cruz added another as Seattle powered past Toronto. The Mariners had been held to three or fewer runs in 18 of their last 23 games, including three straight losses to the Blue Jays to begin the series, but got 10 hits Sunday as they snapped a five game losing streak. Toronto tied the game at 3-3 in the seventh after shortstop Aledmys Diaz hit his 14th home run of the season against Seattle starter Mike Leake. But the Mariners responded in the bottom of the inning. Cruz and Seager homered back-to-back against reliever Joe Biagini (1-6) with one out after Jean Segura led off the inning with a single.

Zach Duke (4-4) got one out in the seventh for the win. Alex Colome pitched a scoreless eighth and Edwin Diaz locked down his major league-leading 41st save of the season as the Mariners avoided the series sweep. Cruz finished with four RBIs. □





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## New additions help Dodgers edge Astros 3-2 to prevent sweep

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brian Dozier delivered a two-run double in the first inning and Manny Machado had three hits with two runs scored as Los Angeles beat Houston.

Cody Bellinger had an RBI double for the Dodgers, who prevented a three-game sweep by the team that beat them in last year's World Series.

George Springer and Tony Kemp homered for the Astros, but Springer exited in the third with left thumb discomfort after he was thrown out trying to steal second base.

New reliever Roberto Osuna did not pitch in his first game on the active roster for Houston. Osuna was reinstated from the restricted list after serving a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. The All-Star closer was acquired Monday in a trade with the Toronto Blue Jays while he was still serving his suspension.

Dodgers starter Walker Buehler (5-4) gave up two runs over 5 1/3 innings with eight strikeouts. Kenley Jansen closed for his 31st save.

Gerrit Cole (10-4), a product of nearby UCLA, allowed three runs in five innings with eight strikeouts.

#### NATIONALS 2 REDS 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Matt Wieters homered to back Tanner Roark, who went seven innings to win his third straight start.

The Nationals took three of four from the Reds and have won eight of 11 overall.

Roark (6-12) allowed a run on seven singles and got a nice ovation when he made a diving stop on Billy Hamilton's comebacker to

end the seventh. In his last three outings, Roark has allowed two earned runs in 22 innings (0.82 ERA) with 20 strikeouts and a walk.

Washington's Bryce Harper had two hits including an RBI double and is batting .367 since the All-Star break. Kelvin Herrera worked the ninth for his third save with the Nationals.

Cincinnati's Luis Castillo (6-9) allowed two runs on six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

#### CARDINALS 2, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jack Flaherty cruised through six innings, Matt Carpenter hit another homer and St. Louis held on to beat Pittsburgh.

Completing six innings for the first time since July 3, Flaherty (5-6) allowed three hits with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Carpenter hit a solo home run in the fifth and Jedd Gyorko singled to drive in a run later that inning to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

St. Louis took the final two games of the three-game series against Pittsburgh to move past the Pirates into third alone in the National League Central.

Bud Norris retired the side in order with two strikeouts in the ninth for his 21st save.

Trevor Williams (9-8) had a streak of 21 1/3 innings without allowing a run end on Carpenter's 29th homer to right with one out in the fifth.

#### GIANTS 3, DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Evan Longoria's solo home run in the eighth inning led San Francisco past Arizona.

Longoria drilled Diamondbacks reliever Archie Bradley's 2-2 fastball with one out into the outcropping of seats in left-center field to

break a tie. It was Longoria's 12th home run of the season.

The Diamondbacks' loss and the Los Angeles Dodgers' win Sunday created a tie for first place atop the NL West between the two teams.

Bradley (3-3) entered the game leading the NL in holds with 30. He had not allowed a run to the Giants in 12 straight games against them.

Right-hander Ray Black (1-0) earned his first career major league win with a scoreless seventh inning.

Will Smith retired the Diamondbacks in order with two strikeouts in the ninth for his seventh save.

#### PADRES 10, CUBS 6

CHICAGO (AP) — Cubs ace Jon Lester was hit hard again and San Diego also battered Chicago's bullpen.

Cory Spangenberg put the Padres ahead to stay with a tiebreaking double off Carl Edwards Jr. (3-2) with two outs in the eighth inning. Hunter Renfroe hit a two-run homer and Travis Jankowski added a two-run single in San Diego's four-run ninth against Randy Rosario.

Renfroe finished with three RBIs, helping the last-place Padres split the four-game series after they blew a four-run lead in the finale.

Craig Stammen (5-1) got the win despite allowing pinch-hitter Anthony Rizzo's tying single.

Lester was tagged for five runs and eight hits in five innings. The All-Star lefty was 10-2 with a 2.18 ERA after beating the Dodgers on June 26, but has a 6.81 ERA in seven starts since.

#### BRAVES 5, METS 4, 10 INNINGS



Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Machado, left, gets tangled up with Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole as he scores on an RBI double by Cody Bellinger during the third inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Markakis hit a go-ahead home run in the 10th inning and the Atlanta Braves, helped by pitcher Julio Teheran's first big league homer, rallied to beat New York.

Markakis finished with four hits and took over the NL lead from teammate Freddie Freeman.

Ender Inciarte also homered as the Braves posted their sixth victory in seven games. The NL East contenders took three of four at Citi Field for their first winning road series in more than a month.

Devin Mesoraco hit a tying home run in the Mets ninth — he was standing at second base when a replay review showed the ball cleared the wall, making it 4-all.

A.J. Minter (4-2), who had been 8 for 8 in save chances this year, got the win despite giving up Mesoraco's solo drive. Braves

rookie Jesse Biddle worked around Wilmer Flores' lead-off double in the 10th for his first big league save.

Tyler Bashlor (0-1) was tagged for Markakis' 13th homer. The Mets have lost five of six, and fell to 4-12 against Atlanta this season. Ronald Acuna Jr. hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth that put Atlanta ahead 4-3.

Teheran hit his first professional home run to begin the Braves' comeback from an early 3-0 deficit.

#### PHILLIES 5, MARLINS 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the eighth inning and surging Philadelphia completed a four-game sweep of Miami.

Cabrera, acquired in a July 27 trade with the New York Mets, crushed a 2-0 slider from Drew Steckenrider (3-2) into the right field seats for his 20th homer and his second in as many days. □



# Kenny Perry wins 3M Championship for third and final time

By MIKE COOK

Associated Press

**BLAINE, Minn. (AP)** — Kenny Perry created more drama than he wanted Sunday in the last 3M Championship. He closed with a 3-under 69 for a three-stroke victory in the PGA Tour Champions event that is being replaced by the PGA Tour's 3M Open.

Also the 2014 and 2015 winner at TPC Twin Cities, the 57-year-old Perry matched Hale Irwin's tournament record of three victories in the final edition of the event that started in 1993 at Bunker Hills.

"It's an honor. Incredible. He's one of the greatest players of all time," Perry said.

Perry's not done at the course where he finished in the top seven in all but one of his eight appearances, saying he'll participate in the 2019 3M Open. Players in the top-50 PGA Tour career money list — Perry is 26th — can cash in a one-time, season-long exemp-



Kenny Perry holds the trophy after winning the 3M Championship golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, at TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minn.

Associated Press

tion to return to the tour after they've lost status.

"This golf course fits me to a T. ... It's going to be so long next year, I probably won't even recognize it when I come back," he said. "I'll be back here hitting long irons while those kids will be hitting wedges."

Five shots ahead after rounds of 66 and 60, Perry

finished at 21-under 195 to win his 10th senior title and first since the 2017 U.S. Senior Open. He won the last of his 14 PGA Tour titles in 2008.

Following offseason shoulder surgery, Perry's best finish this season had been fifth at the Insperity Invitational in early May.

"I was very nervous today,"

he said. "It's hard to go out with a five-shot lead and be the hunted instead of being the hunter. It felt very odd out there. I didn't want to give it away; I didn't want to play too aggressive, I didn't want to play too safe."

He came out flat and mishit many shots.

Back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 6 and 7 — Perry had one in the first two rounds — coupled with a seventh-hole birdie by Glen Day dropped Perry's lead to one stroke. Day had a bogey at the par-3 eighth and Perry rolled in a birdie putt at nine, pushing the lead back to three.

"That calmed me down and I was able to go out there and shoot a good back nine," said Perry, who was 14-under on the back nine this week.

Looking for his first win since the 2014 Quebec Championship, Wes Short Jr. was second after a 63.

"Last year I shot 62 in the final round and I was think-

ing about that today, and (four) years ago I shot 62 in the last round," said Short, who finished seventh last year and ninth in 2014. "I knew that catching Kenny was probably going to be out of the question, but I thought maybe I could get second with a good round today."

Playing two groups in front of Perry, Short got within two shots with three holes to go, but Perry made a birdie putt at 16 for a three-shot advantage.

"I knew I needed to make that, somehow get that in there to give a little bit of a cushion," Perry said.

In his first tour event, Tom Gillis (67) joined Day (70) six shots back at 15 under. Gillis, who turned 50 July 16, won the Tuesday qualifier.

"I haven't played golf for seven days in a row in over two years, so I was happy how I held up physically and mentally," Gillis said. "I lost my status on the tour when I was 48. ... I'm overly pleased." □

## France takes leave from NASCAR following DWI, drug arrest



In this May 23, 2018, file photo, NASCAR Chairman Brian France watches a video of driver Jeff Gordon after announcing Gordon will be inducted into the 2019 class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, in Charlotte, N.C.

Associated Press

**SAG HARBOR, N.Y. (AP)** — NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France announced Monday he was taking an indefinite leave of absence a day after his arrest in New York's Hamptons on charges of driving while intoxicated and

criminal possession of oxycodone.

France had a blood-alcohol content that was more than twice the legal limit, smelled of booze and slurred his words after he was seen blowing through a stop sign in Sag Harbor

on Sunday, police said.

"I apologize to our fans, our industry and my family for the impact of my actions last night," France said in a statement Monday. "Effective immediately, I will be taking an indefinite leave of absence from my position to focus on my personal affairs."

France has been NASCAR's chairman and CEO since 2003. His uncle, Jim France, a vice chairman and executive vice president, will take over those roles on an interim basis.

France, 56, was arraigned at Sag Harbor Village Justice Court after spending the night in jail. He was released on his own recognizance and is due back in court Sept 14.

His lawyer referred reporters to a NASCAR statement on the matter. The organization said it takes France's arrest "as a serious matter and will issue a statement after we have all of the facts." France, 56, was

pulled over and arrested at about 7:30 p.m. Sunday after police said they saw his 2017 Lexus roll through a stop sign near the Sag Harbor waterfront.

His eyes were red and glassy and he struggled to keep his balance during field sobriety tests, police said. Tests showed France's blood-alcohol content was 0.18, police said. The legal limit in New York is 0.08.

Officers found five oxycodone pills during a subsequent search, police said. TMZ first reported the arrest.

France is a third-generation leader of NASCAR. His late grandfather, Bill France Sr., founded the company in 1948.

He's introduced a play-off system, overhauled the design of its cars, and pushed for diversity within the circuit's predominantly white, male ranks.

In recent years, he's been dealing with plunging at-

tendance and TV ratings and departing sponsors, attributing the down turn to the challenge of connecting with a new, younger generation of fans.

France last month characterized as "rumors" reports that his family was looking into selling its racing properties.

"The France family is locked and loaded in its dedication to NASCAR," France told SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. "We're focused on ruling and managing NASCAR. There's nothing to report on that. Rumors are always interesting, but they're seldom right."

France was involved in a 2006 incident in Daytona Beach, Florida, when a police report stated he crashed his Lexus into a tree after entering a restaurant parking lot.

France later told an officer called to his home that he was drinking a soda and "bumped into something." □





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### SEX ABUSE

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It's a mission that took on more urgency after a sex-abuse scandal rocked USA Swimming in 2010, then metastasized into headline news in the wake of physician Larry Nassar's abuse of nearly 300 gymnasts, including some on the U.S. Olympic team. The mission has also added immense pressure to administrators in dozens of niche sports, many of whom are experts in their field but don't have the skills to craft sex-abuse-prevention policies that can have life-changing impact on victims and those who are accused.

"Upset. Disappointed," Devon Horse Show manager David Distler said of Bielefeld's reaction over his ouster from the renowned event over Memorial Day. "He thought it was done, finished, and it just kind of came up again out of nowhere."

Bielefeld did not respond to several requests from The Associated Press, made via telephone, email and social media, to comment for this story.

According to court records, in April of 2013, Bielefeld called a male worker at a hotel in Lexington, Virginia, into his room to fix his TV, pushed him onto the bed, exposed himself and began masturbating.

The worker escaped the room and told his manager, who urged him to call police. Within a few hours, Bielefeld was in jail. Shortly after that, he pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor assault and one count of attempted sexual battery. He received

a six-month suspended jail sentence, 12 months of probation and was ordered to pay fines.

Once the probation was complete, the case was closed, and Bielefeld was free to resume his role as an equestrian judge — a job that didn't put him in direct contact with riders or minors.

In a twist that illustrates the confusion surrounding the new policies, Bielefeld also works as a trainer out of a horse farm in Florida. But had he not also been a judge, this case — and his suspension — might not have resurfaced.

The U.S. Equestrian Federation, which oversees the sport at the Olympic level, requires about 2,400 people to undergo background checks, though the vast majority of those are on the administrative side of the sport. The list does not include trainers and coaches who work with horses and their riders because they are considered independent contractors. According to government statistics, there are approximately 2 million horse owners in the United States; 7 percent of those (around 140,000) are considered professional trainers, though that number is split among many segments, including racing and show horses.

"We're encouraging (federations) that if they have something like that where the membership is limited, we would want them to broaden" the number of people subjected to background checks, said Dan Hill, the spokesman for the U.S.

Center for SafeSport.

USEF is working on it. Spokesman Julian McPeak said the federation "does not have a program where it recognizes or certifies coaches or trainers," but it is proposing changes that would bring them into the vetting process.

The most horrific sex-abuse cases in the sport's history involved arguably the sport's most renowned trainer.

In 2016, the name "Jimmy A. Williams" was stripped from USEF's lifetime achievement trophy after dozens of allegations surfaced accusing the renowned trainer of multiple cases of sexual misconduct. Williams died in 1993 at age 76. Industry magazine The Chronicle of the Horse and the New York Times ran stories featuring dozens of interviews from Williams' victims, who all described being kissed, groped and worse, often in the aisles between the barn stalls. One of the victims, two-time Olympic silver medalist Anne Kursinski, did not respond to messages left by AP. But she is in a video on the USEF website supporting a change in the bylaws that would mandate trainers and coaches are included in the federation's SafeSport program.

USEF's decision to strip Williams' name from its most prestigious award came more than two years after the federation bolstered its SafeSport policies in the wake of the U.S. Olympic Committee's call for top-to-bottom overhauls of sex abuse policies for all sports organizations that fell under its umbrella. That mandate



In this July 3, 2008 file photo Anne Kursinski jumps over an obstacle during the Nation's Cup competition of the World Equestrian Festival CHIO in Aachen, western Germany.

Associated Press

exposed other issues.

Though the vast majority of athletes who make up the membership in Olympic sports organizations will never come close to making the Games, the USOC has oversight over all of them and decided all the federations must operate under essentially the same rules. Given the vast differences in the budgets and experience of the staffs of the 49 NGBs with ties to the Olympics, the implementation of those rules varied by sport. The USOC's ultimate goal was the 2017 opening of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, which serves as a clearinghouse for athletes, coaches and parents to report suspected abuse. It also acts as an investigative entity that metes out

suspensions and other punishment for those who break the rules, thus taking the decisions away from the sports organizations that sometimes lack institutional knowledge to deal with such issues — and often are rife with conflicts of interest.

But the Center for SafeSport finds itself policing much more than only those on the Olympic career path. For instance, USEF oversees 29 breeds and disciplines in the horse-show world, only four of which are on the Olympic or Paralympic program. U.S. Sailing and the U.S. Tennis Association are other examples of NGBs with similar makeups — only a small portion of their activities are geared toward Olympic competition. □



# Pentagon restricts use of fitness trackers, other devices

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Military troops and other defense personnel at sensitive bases or certain high-risk warzone areas won't be allowed to use fitness tracker or cellphone applications that can reveal their location, according to a new Pentagon order.

The memo, obtained by The Associated Press, stops short of banning the fitness trackers or other electronic devices, which are often linked to cellphone applications or smart watches and can provide the users' GPS and exercise details to social media.

It says the applications on personal or government-issued devices present a "significant risk" to military personnel so those capabilities must be turned off in certain operational areas. Under the new order, military leaders will be able to determine whether troops under their command can use the GPS function on their devices, based on the security threat in that area or on that base.



In this July 20, 2016 file photo, six fitness tracking devices measuring step counts and other fitness features are worn in New York.

Associated Press

"These geolocation capabilities can expose personal information, locations, routines, and numbers of DOD personnel, and potentially create unintended security consequences and increased risk to the joint force and mission," the memo said.

Defense personnel who aren't in sensitive areas will be able to use the GPS applications, if the commanders conclude it doesn't present a risk.

For example, troops exercising at major military bases around the country, such as Fort Hood in Texas or Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia, would likely be able to use the location software on their phones or fitness devices. Troops on missions in more sensitive locations, such as Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan or parts of Africa, meanwhile, would be restricted from using the devices or be required to turn off any location func-

tion.

Concerns about exercise trackers and other electronic devices came to a head in January in the wake of revelations that an interactive, online map was pinpointing troop locations, bases and other sensitive areas around the world.

The Global Heat Map, published by the GPS tracking company Strava, used satellite information to map the locations of subscribers to Strava's fitness service. At the time, the map showed activity from 2015 through September 2017.

And while heavily populated areas were well lit, warzones such as Iraq and Syria show scattered pockets of activity that could denote military or government personnel using fitness trackers as they move around.

The Pentagon immediately launched a review, noting that the electronic signals could potentially disclose the location of troops who are in secret or classified locations or on small forward operating bases in hostile areas.

This is the second memo

affecting the use of cellphones and other electronic devices that the department has released in recent months. In May, defense officials laid out new restrictions for the use of cellphones and other mobile wireless devices inside the Pentagon.

That memo called for stricter adherence to long-held practices that require phones be left in storage containers outside secure areas where sensitive matters are discussed.

But it also stopped short of banning the devices, and instead made clear that cellphones can still be used in common areas and other offices in the Pentagon if classified information is not present.

The latest memo says the new restrictions include GPS functions on fitness trackers, phones, tablets, smart watches and other applications.

The Pentagon also said it will provide additional cybersecurity training to include the risks posed by the trackers and other mobile devices. □



In Friday, Aug. 8, 2018, photo, Namio Matsura, a 17-year-old member of the computation skill research club at Fukuyama Technical High School, watches the bridge over the Motoyasu River, seen on screen, before atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima in virtual reality experience at the school in Hiroshima, western Japan.

Associated Press

By HARUKA NUGA

Associated Press

**FUKUYAMA, Japan (AP)** — It's a sunny summer morning in the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Cicadas chirp in the trees. A lone plane flies high overhead. Then a flash of light, followed by a loud blast. Buildings are

flattened and smoke rises from crackling fires under a darkened sky.

Over two years, a group of Japanese high school students has been painstakingly producing a five-minute virtual reality experience that recreates the sights and sounds of Hiro-

## Japanese students use VR to recreate Hiroshima bombing

shima before, during and after the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city 73 years ago Monday.

By transporting users back in time to the moment when a city was turned into a wasteland, the students and their teacher hope to ensure that something similar never happens again.

The Aug. 6, 1945, bombing of Hiroshima killed 140,000 people. Three days later, a second U.S. atomic bomb killed 70,000 people in Nagasaki. Japan surrendered six days after that, ending World War II.

"Even without language, once you see the images, you understand," said Mei Okada, one of the students working on the project at a technical high school in Fukuyama, a city about 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of Hiroshima. "That is definitely one of the merits of this VR

experience."

Wearing virtual reality headsets, users can take a walk along the Motoyasu River prior to the blast and see the businesses and buildings that once stood. They can enter the post office and the Shima Hospital courtyard, where the skeletal remains of a building now known as the Atomic Bomb Dome stand on the river's banks, a testament to what happened.

The students, who belong to the computation skill research club at Fukuyama Technical High School, were born more than half a century after the bombing. Yuhi Nakagawa, 18, said he initially didn't have much interest in what happened when the bombs were dropped; if anything, it was a topic he had avoided.

"When I was creating the buildings before the atom-

ic bomb fell and after, I saw many photos of buildings that were gone. I really felt how scary atomic bombs can be," he said. "So while creating this scenery, I felt it was really important to share this with others."

To recreate Hiroshima, the students studied old photographs and postcards and interviewed survivors of the bombing to hear their experiences and get their feedback on the VR footage. They used computer graphics software to add further details such as lighting and the natural wear and tear on building surfaces.

"Those who knew the city very well tell us it's done very well. They say it's very nostalgic," said Katsushi Hasegawa, a computer teacher who supervises the club. □



# A lifeline for workers who face hardship between paychecks

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL  
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Associated Press

Luis Vazquez and his girlfriend were down to their last \$50 after she got sick and had to miss work for a month.

He already paid his rent and bills for the month, but without her income the couple couldn't cover groceries and other essentials. His next paycheck was more than a week away.

Faced with a similar cash crunch years ago, Vazquez had resorted to a payday loan, a high-interest, short term loan meant to tide a borrower over until the next paycheck. But the couple and their toddler son were eventually evicted from their apartment because they couldn't make both their rent and the loan payments.

Vazquez vowed never to take out such a loan again. This time, he had another option. An overnight support manager at Walmart, Vazquez was able to get a \$150 advance on his pay using an app that allows the company's employees to access up to half their earned wages during a pay period.

A growing number of companies are rolling out products and services that allow employees to receive a portion of their pay when they need it. This can help workers, especially those making hourly wages or working irregular schedules, to avoid unpleasant and potentially costly options such as borrowing from loved ones, running up credit card debt, selling possessions or taking out payday or other high-interest loans when bills come due or emergencies arise before the next paycheck. Could this be the future of payday? Developers of flexible-pay services say adhering to a rigid pay cycle doesn't make sense.

Josh Reeves, CEO and co-founder of the payroll company Gusto, sees a model in the way parents pay their kids for doing chores. "If they mow the lawn, they get paid right away," Reeves says. "We think in



In this July 28, 2018, photo, Luis Vazquez, an overnight support manager at Walmart in Dallas, poses for a photo.

the future, everyone will get paid (for their work) when they do it."

Some experts acknowledge that giving employees early access to their pay can backfire if, for instance, they spend the money unwisely. But the need for flexible pay services is clear. About one-third of U.S. adults were either unable to pay their monthly bills or were one modest financial setback away from financial hardship last year, according to a recent survey by the Federal Reserve. Vazquez started working at Walmart in November and says he used the app six times since Walmart made it available in December. The app was developed by the technology company Even.

Vazquez pays \$6 a month to use the app — there is no transaction fee. By comparison, a payday loan typically carries an annual percentage rate of 300 percent to 500 percent and is due in a lump sum, or balloon payment, on the borrower's next payday. Vazquez didn't provide the terms of the payday loan he took out years ago. "It gives me peace of mind," Vazquez says.

Newer companies such as Uber and Lyft have used immediate payment as their model for years. Now other

organizations are catching on to the advantages of a flexible payday.

Jon Schlossberg, CEO of Even, says more than 200,000 of Walmart's 1.4 million U.S. employees use his company's app, which also has a cash flow projection feature that deducts upcoming bills from expected pay and shows users an "okay to spend" balance. Gusto, which provides its payroll services to more than 60,000 businesses nationwide, recently began offering its flexible pay option as an add-on feature at no cost to employers or employees. The company just launched the service in Texas and plans to expand it to additional states later this year.

There's a tremendous need for such services in the U.S. for several reasons, says Rachel Schneider, of the Aspen Institute Financial Security Program and co-author of the book *The Financial Diaries: How American Families Cope in a World of Uncertainty*.

Income and spending needs are volatile and don't always match up. While some households might be able to make their finances work on paper over the course of a year, they could end up short in any given month, she says. Some families can build up

savings to provide a cushion. But for many workers, the cost of living is outpacing wage growth by such a wide margin that "expecting them to save their way out of volatility is not realistic," Schneider says.

Cutting checks for every employee used to be time-consuming and costly for companies, which partly explains why many have spread out the pay period. Now the process is largely automated and new technology has enabled more flexibility in timing.

"It takes no extra effort or little effort, so leaving people subject to an outdated rhythm payment or cadence, there's no real logic to it," says Schneider.

There are some potential downsides though. The immediate access to cash may encourage some people to pick up extra shifts when they are short. While that makes sense in

the near term, it can backfire on workers over time. This bigger pool of labor could take the pressure off employers to increase wages, Schneider says.

Employees could also burn through cash faster. Some companies have countered that by limiting the number of times workers can access their money or by only making a portion available. And some are adding a financial counseling component to their services. FlexWage Solutions is offering a package that combines its flexible pay service with Trusted Advisor, a mobile phone tool developed by the New York City nonprofit Neighborhood Trust Financial Partners, to give employees access to one-on-one financial counseling. Restaurant chain Panda Express is the first to sign on, says FlexWage CEO Frank Dombroski.

The two organizations are also testing an app that would integrate the flexible pay and counseling functions with a cashflow projection feature.

Developers of flexible-pay services also say they can help employers stand out in the current tight job market in the U.S.

Instant Financial, which began offering flexible pay options in 2017, says its Instant Pay service improves employee satisfaction, increases job applications and reduces turnover.

The company, based in Canada, works with a number of large U.S. employers, including McDonald's, Outback Steakhouse and Wendy's restaurants.

"How we pay people is inefficient and it's broken," says Steve Barha, CEO of Instant Financial. □

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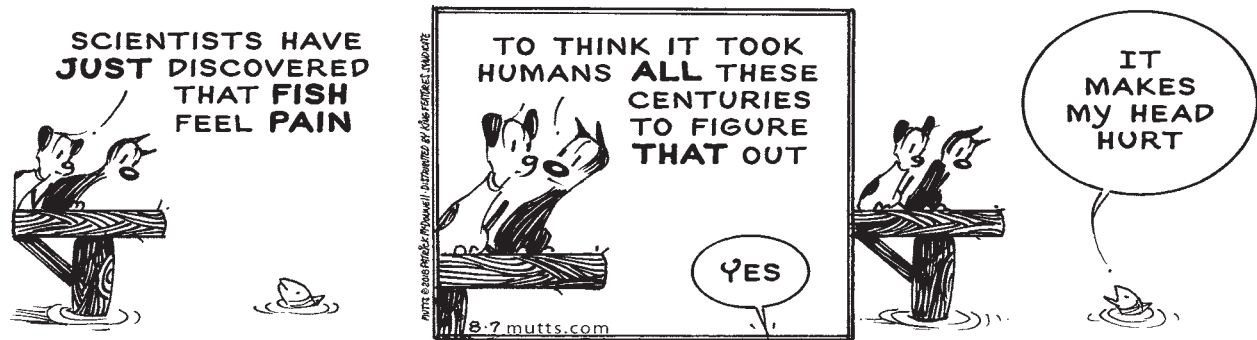
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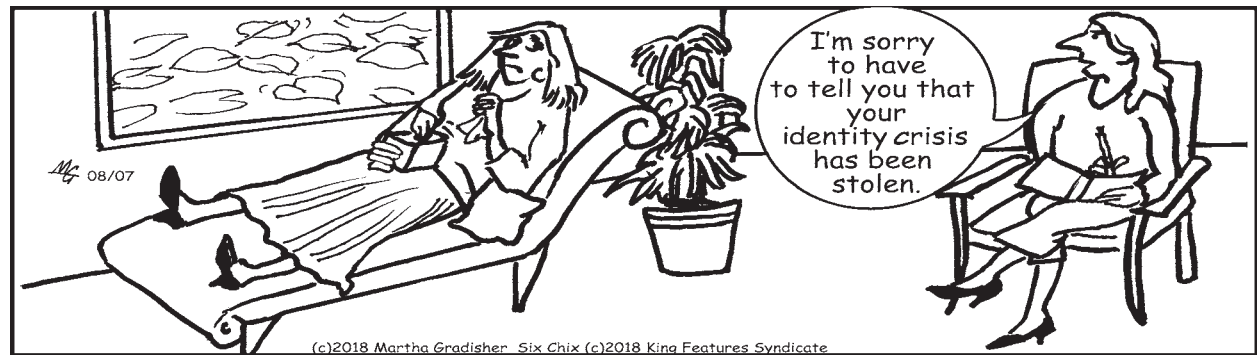
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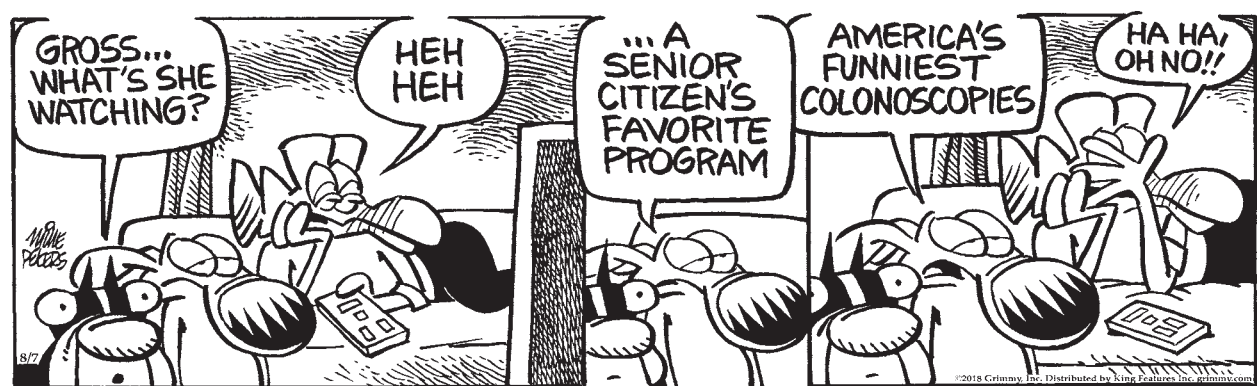
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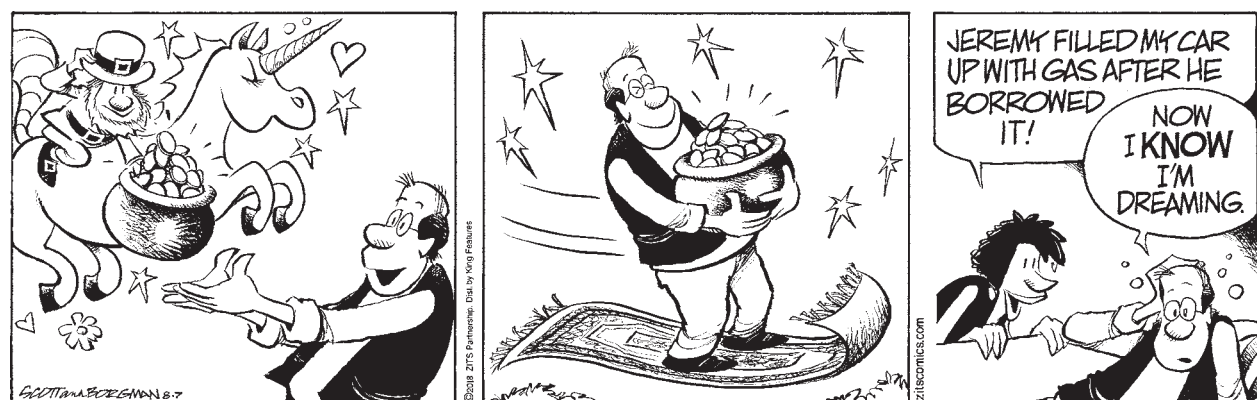
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## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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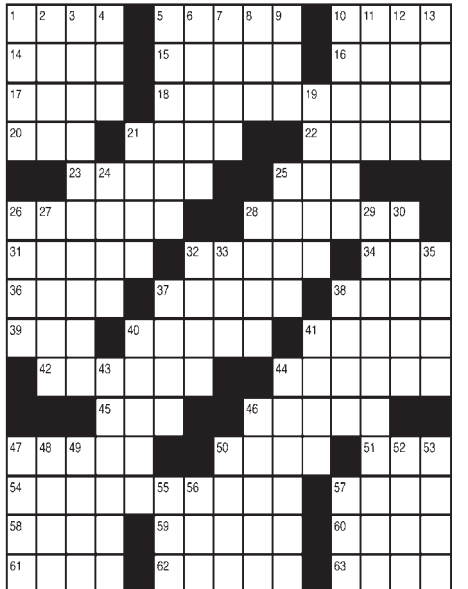
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

6	5	8	9	7	2	3	4	1
3	7	9	8	1	4	2	5	6
2	4	1	5	6	3	9	8	7
8	3	2	1	5	6	7	9	4
7	1	5	4	3	9	6	2	8
9	6	4	2	8	7	5	1	3
5	9	7	6	4	8	1	3	2
1	8	3	7	2	5	4	6	9
4	2	6	3	9	1	8	7	5

## ACROSS

- Flows back
- Fast
- Cain's victim
- Applaud
- Without companions
- California's Linda
- Sacred
- cure; supernatural healing
- Nocturnal bird
- In ; actually
- Hospital employee
- cologne; perfume
- Knight's title
- Ms. Streisand
- Most recent
- Post or Brontë
- Bananas
- Rollaway
- Melody
- Narrow boat
- Lawn mower brand
- Cool cucumber
- Actor Keith
- Not as good
- de corps; camaraderie
- Ropers' competitions
- the wrong way; irritate
- Pod with a chocolate flavor
- Look for expectantly
- Musical group
- Large tree
- Sickening
- Gift-wrapper's need
- Aware of the duplicity of
- Unruly throng
- Architect Christopher
- Marquee light
- Williams & Rooney
- Probability



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

FOOD	SIDS	ASAN
OGRES	LOAN	LOBO
ALIST	AUDACIOUS	
LEG	RIP	PLENTY
IRONS	SAN	
MANILA	CHISEL	
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## DOWN

- Repeated sound
- Hard hit

- Toe dancers
- Undercover agent
- Hotel chain
- Wonderland visitor
- Harbor town
- "Time Bottle"; Jim Croce hit
- Four months hence: abbr.
- Attraction; charm
- Rude person
- Large flightless birds
- Operate with a high-powered beam
- Oneness
- In a ; raging
- Competent
- Rational
- Alpha's follower
- Make laugh
- Crazy as a
- Where to view game results
- Human trunk
- Café au ; creamy coffee

- Cat ; Hot Tin Roof
- Foot digits
- Baby's bed
- Hubbub
- Cruel man
- Give one's ; make a promise
- Penitentiary
- Stoves
- Dieter's no-no
- Shortly
- Diminish
- Car
- Chipper
- Mimicked
- Berry & Griffey
- Cry of discovery
- 2,000 pounds
- Afternoon hour



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# Genetics technology could lead to more crops, fresher food

By KEITH RIDLER

Associated Press

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — A multinational agricultural company based in Idaho has acquired gene editing licensing rights that could one day be used to help farmers produce more crops and make grocery store offerings such as strawberries, potatoes and avocados stay fresher longer.

J.R. Simplot Company on Monday announced the agreement with DowDuPont Inc. and the Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, developers of the nascent gene editing technology. Simplot is the first agricultural company to receive such a license.

"We think this is a transformative technology — it's very powerful," said Issi Rozen, chief business officer of the Broad Institute. "We're delighted that Simplot is the first one to take advantage of the licensing."

There is no evidence that genetically modified organisms, known as GMOs, are unsafe to eat, but



This undated photo provided by the J.R. Simplot Company shows a sign outside the J.R. Simplot Company in Boise.

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changing the genetic code of foods presents an ethical issue for some. For example McDonald's had declined to use Simplot's genetically engineered potatoes for its French fries.

The food industry has also faced pressure from retailers as consumer awareness of genetically modified foods has increased.

J.R. Simplot officials declined to say how much the company paid for the licensing rights acquired through a process intended to prevent the technology from being used unethically. The technology allows scientists to make precise

changes to the genome of living organisms and has wide-ranging applications for improving plant food production and quality.

"The issues are about getting the right kind of food produced in the right kind of way," said Neal Guttererson, chief technology officer at Corteva Agriscience, DowDuPont's agriculture division. "It's important to be able to produce enough food for the nine to 10 billion people who will be on the planet in 30 years."

The gene editing technology is called CRISPR-Cas9, the first part an acronym for "clustered regularly inter-

spaced short palindromic repeats." The technology speeds up the traditional process of breeding generation after generation of plants to get a certain desirable trait, saving years in developing new varieties that are as safe as traditionally developed varieties, scientists say.

Essentially, if an organism's genome is made analogous to a large manuscript, CRISPR-Cas9 allows scientists to edit specific words in the manuscript using a "search and replace" function.

One of the remaining challenges, scientists say, is getting the complete genome for particular food crops. Or, to use the analogy, to not only have the complete manuscript but to have it translated so scientists know where to make the edits.

The CRISPR-Cas9 technology is so new that in March the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates how food is produced, issued a statement clarifying its oversight of foods produced with gene editing.

"Under its biotechnology regulations, USDA does

not regulate or have any plans to regulate plants that could otherwise have been developed through traditional breeding techniques," the agency said.

Simplot markets products in more than 40 countries, and it has major operations in the United States, China, Canada, Australia and Mexico. The company, which is a top producer of avocados grown in Mexico and sold in the U.S., is perhaps best known for potatoes.

The company has already used other genetic techniques to adapt genes from wild and cultivated potatoes to produce commercially sold potatoes that resist bruising and late blight, which caused the Irish Potato Famine and continues to cause problems for potato farmers. Gene editing is expected to further the company's expertise in potatoes.

"That's part of our vision for Simplot — to be the knowledge leader for potatoes," said Susan Collinge, vice president of plant sciences at Simplot, where she supervises about 95 plant scientists. □

# Quota raised for subsistence hunting of Chukchi polar bears



In this June 15, 2014 file photo released by the U.S. Geological Survey, a polar bear dries off after taking a swim in the Chukchi Sea in Alaska.

Associated Press

By DAN JOLING

Associated Press

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — Polar bear hunters in remote villages on the coast of the Chukchi Sea will have higher harvest quotas next year, a sign of the health of the region's bear population. The U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission increased the possible harvest level for bears in the Chukchi Sea from 58 to 85 bears. The quota is split between the two countries, although all polar bear hunting, including subsistence

hunting, remains banned in Russia. The commission met last week in Egvekinot in Chukotka, Russia, and heard new estimates of bear abundance by science advisers and recommendations by indigenous and local sources. Katya Wassillie, executive director of the Alaska Nannut Co-Management Council, which represents Alaska tribes that hunt for polar bears, said a higher quota does not mean more bears will be killed. "Our communities in the area of the Chuk-

chi Sea polar bear had not met that quota consistently in the last 10 years," she said. The United States in 2008 listed polar bears as a threatened species because of the loss of their primary habitat, sea ice, due to climate change. Eric Regehr, a quantitative biologist at the University of Washington's Polar Science Center and co-chair of the Scientific Working Group that advised the commission, said researchers have not detected the same sorts of harmful trends in Chukchi bears that were found in polar bears of the southern Beaufort Sea population off Alaska's north coast. Chukchi bears remain larger and fatter and have not seen downward trends in cub production and survival, according to new preliminary information on the health and numbers of bears. □

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# Michelin-starred French master chef Joel Robuchon dies at 73

By SYLVIE CORBET  
SARAH DiLORENZO

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**PARIS (AP)** — Joel Robuchon, a master chef who shook up the stuffy world of French haute cuisine by wowing palates with the delights of the simple mashed potato and giving diners a peek at the kitchen, has died at 73.

His career was one of superlatives: Named among the best craftsmen in France in 1976, crowned cook of the century in 1990, chosen to be one of the cooks at the "dinner of the century," and, for years, holder of the most Michelin stars in the world.

A spokeswoman for Robuchon confirmed his death, with French TV station BFM and newspaper Le Figaro reporting that he died Monday in Geneva from cancer.

Robuchon was known for his constant innovation and even playfulness in the kitchen — a revelation to the hidebound world of French cuisine. He built an empire of gourmet restaurants across the world — from Paris to Tokyo, Las Vegas and New York City.

"To describe Joel Robuchon as a cook is a bit like calling Pablo Picasso a painter, Luciano Pavarotti a singer, Frederic Chopin a pianist," Patricia Wells, a cook and food writer, wrote in "L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon," a book about the chef and his students. "Joel Robuchon will undoubtedly go down as the artist who most influenced the 20th-century world of cuisine."

Many of France's greatest chefs echoed those sentiments.

French chef Marc Veyrat, whose restaurant holds three stars from the Michelin guide, said "he was someone I love, formidable, extraordinary." He called Robuchon the "prince of French cuisine" on RTL radio, adding "I'm not afraid to say he inspired me."

French chef Pierre Gagnaire, also a Michelin three-star chef, wrote on his Instagram account that "the best among us is gone. All



In this Sept. 7, 2014 file photo, French chef Joel Robuchon poses for photographers during a photocall for the movie "The Hundred-Foot Journey", in Paris, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014.

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my thoughts to his family."

While Robuchon was no stranger to the fancy — truffles and caviar were among his favorites — his food was often described as simple because he preached the use of only three or four ingredients in most dishes. His goal was always to show off, not mask, their flavors.

He started a revolution with his "Atelier" (workshop in French) business model: small, intimate restaurants where diners sat at a counter surrounding the kitchen.

They didn't take reservations and many didn't even have tables.

His goal, Robuchon said, was to make diners feel comfortable, let them interact with the chef and, above all, put the focus back on the food. It was partially a rebuke to the Michelin star regime, which awards points not just for technique but also for the ambiance and service.

But Michelin, and just about everyone else, gobbled it up. And thanks to Ateliers around the world, Robu-

chon reached a total of 32 Michelin stars in 2016 — a record — and still held 31 stars this year, including five three-star restaurants.

Born just before the end of World War II in the French town of Poitiers, south of the Loire Valley, Robuchon studied at a seminary from a young age and considered becoming a priest. But hours spent cooking with the nuns convinced him that he had another calling. He got his professional start at 15 at a local restaurant and by 29 was running

the kitchen at a large Paris hotel, in charge of 90 chefs. For years, his culinary home was at Jamin, a restaurant near the Eiffel Tower that he opened in 1981. The restaurant racked up a Michelin star a year for its first three years — a feat no one had ever accomplished before. The wait for a reservation was two months, even though the price without wine was \$200.

Even at this classic restaurant, signs of the ways Robuchon would shake up the culinary scene could be found. For one, his most famous dish was the lowly mashed potato.

"These mashed potatoes, it's true, made my reputation. I owe everything to these mashed potatoes," he said once during a demonstration of how to make the almost liquid dish. "Maybe it's a little bit of nostalgia, Proust's madeleines. Everyone has in his memory the mashed potatoes of his mother, the mashed potatoes of his grandmother."

The idea that a restaurant might be a warm, casual place, rather than a stuffy temple to awkward food, was taking root. It was, in part, a rejection of "nouvelle cuisine," the movement that made French chefs notorious for small plates, exquisitely presented but often not all that satisfying.

But, as long promised, Robuchon hung up his whisk in 1996, at the age of 51. □

## Beyonce reveals she had emergency C-section

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Beyonce reveals she had an emergency Caesarean section when she delivered her twins.

The singer, in a series of essays in September's Vogue magazine, says she was 218 pounds and was swollen from toxemia. The 36-year-old says they spent many weeks in intensive care and her husband, Jay Z, was "such a strong support system."

She says she put pressure on herself to lose weight in the three months after the birth of her first child. But after the twins, she approached things differently.

Beyonce says she has a "little mommy pouch" and she's in no rush to get rid of it.

She says it's important for her to help open doors for younger artists. Her photo is the first Vogue cover to be shot by an African American photographer. □



In this Feb. 12, 2017 file photo, Beyonce poses in the press room at the 59th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

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# 'Mission: Impossible' bests Winnie-the-Pooh at box office

By JAKE COYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tom Cruise sped past Winnie-the-Pooh at the box office to lead all films for the second straight week with an estimated \$35 million in ticket sales for "Mission Impossible -- Fallout."

The success of Paramount Pictures' sixth, stunt-filled "Mission: Impossible" installment, along with muted enthusiasm for the Walt Disney Co.'s "Christopher Robin," made for a seldom-seen result: A Disney movie debuting in second place. In a year where the studio has already notched three \$1 billion films worldwide ("Black Panther," "Avengers: Infinity War" and, as of this week, "Incredibles 2"), the more modest Winnie-the-Pooh live-action revival opened with a relatively ho-hum \$25 million. As a reminder that "Christopher Robin" was a minor release for Disney, "Black Panther" on Sunday became the third film to ever cross \$700 million domestically, a feat only previously accomplished by "Avatar" and "Star Wars: The Force Awak-



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Tom Cruise in a scene from "Mission: Impossible - Fallout."

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ens."

Made for an estimated \$75 million, Marc Forster's "Christopher Robin" stars Ewan McGregor as a grown-up Christopher Robin reunited with the beloved characters of the Hundred Acre Wood: Pooh, Tigger, Piglet and the rest (who are rendered digitally but convincingly felt-like). While reviews were mixed, audiences gave it an "A" Cin-

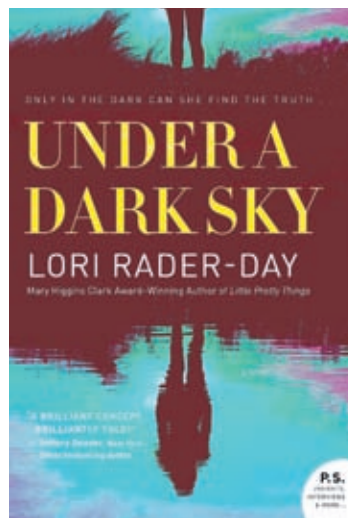
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Cathleen Taff, head of distribution for Disney, said there's room for non-tent-

pole releases in the Disney slate. "It's one of our smaller films and it's really focused on character and emo-

tion," said Taff. "We're happy with where it's at and we think it's got some runway being one of the only family options going forward." Taff confirmed that "Christopher Robin" has been denied a release in China, locking the release out from the world's second largest film market. While China provides no reason for the films it doesn't select for its theaters, government sensors have recently been blocking images of Winnie-the-Pooh after bloggers began using him to parody Chinese president Xi Jinping. The late-summer success of "Mission: Impossible" — which has made \$124.5 million thus far along with \$205 million internationally — is helping solidify a comeback summer for Hollywood. □

## 'Under a Dark Sky' has shrewd plot, realistic characters



This cover image released by William Morrow shows "Under a Dark Sky," by Lori Rader-Day.

Associated Press

By OLIVE H. COGDILL

Associated Press

"Under a Dark Sky" (Morrow), by Lori Rader-Day A dark sky park where even the slightest glimmer of light is blocked out provides a fascinating backdrop for Lori Rader-Day's inventive fourth novel. The darkness that permeates the park's environs also works as an imaginative metaphor for murky emotions and concealing secrets, even from those to whom one is clos-

est. A shrewd plot and realistic characters also soar in "Under a Dark Sky."

Mired in grief since her husband, Bix, died nine months ago, Eden Wallace decides to keep a reservation at Straits Point International Dark Sky Park in Michigan. Before he died, Bix planned the park visit as a surprise for their 10th-wedding anniversary, and she has just found the reservation while cleaning out a drawer. It's an unusual gift because Eden's fear of the dark is pathological, but she hopes the visit will give her a new perspective on her life, and get her away from her Chicago home.

But instead of solitude, Eden is sharing the resort with six strangers — college friends who booked the cottage for a reunion. Her immediate reaction is to leave, but Eden has been doing a lot of hiding lately, avoiding people and alienating friends who are tired of hearing about Bix's death. Besides, the park will not refund Bix's payment. Although the friends make Eden uncomfort-

able, she is drawn to the myriad personalities — and their complex relationships. Despite their shared history, the group has an odd dynamic. "... these people didn't even seem to know how to enjoy one another's company," Eden observes. Complicated jealousies, past actions and devastating secrets are revealed when one of the six is murdered. Rader-Day expertly plots an ingenious mystery in "Under a Dark Sky." Eden grieves for her husband but also mourns what her marriage was and what the relationship with Bix could have been. Grief and regret have turned her into a woman she doesn't recognize, simultaneously overly emotional, coldhearted and judgmental. Although only 34, Eden feels so much older than the friends who are even more unsettled in their mid-20s. Set in a fictional park, "Under a Dark Sky" captures the beauty of the dozens of similar nocturnal environments that thrive at such recreation areas throughout the world. □

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## Author Murakami talks music, running, novels on radio show

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

**TOKYO (AP)** — Best-selling Japanese author Haruki Murakami, hosting a special radio show featuring some of his favorite songs he runs to, says writing novels is about rhythm, as in music and running.

"Murakami Radio," a pre-recorded show broadcast Sunday night, featured as its themes two crucial elements of his life as a novelist: running and music. During the 55-minute show, Murakami played nine numbers he enjoys running to — rock and jazz — selected from thousands of titles stored on several iPods, while sharing stories behind the songs and talking about running and writing. A perennial contender for the Nobel literature prize, Murakami said he initially had no intention of becoming a writer. After finishing university, he was running a jazz bar in Tokyo and music was his thing, and that's where his style comes from, he said.

"Rather than learning storytelling technique from someone, I've taken a musical approach, while being very conscious about rhythms, harmony and improvisation," the 69-year-old Murakami said on the radio. "It's like writing as



In this undated black and white photo provided by Tokyo FM Broadcasting Co., Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami poses at its radio station in Tokyo.

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I dance, even though I don't actually dance. For me, writing tends to be a very physical process, and that's my style. If you think my books are easy to read, perhaps we have something in common musically."

A native of Kyoto, Murakami has precise memories of when he decided to become a writer: at around 1:30 p.m. on April 1, 1978, while attending a baseball game at Tokyo's Jingu Stadium — home to the un-

derdog Japanese baseball team the Yakult Swallows, his favorite — where he saw an American named Dave Hilton hit a double, he wrote in his 2007 memoir, "What I Talk About When I Talk About Running."

Murakami's first novel, "Hear the Wind Sing," came out in 1979. His 1987 romantic novel "Norwegian Wood" was his first best-seller, establishing him as a young literary star. Recent best-sellers include "1Q84," "Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His

Years of Pilgrimage" and his latest novel, "Killing Commandatore." Music serves as important motifs in his stories, and he has also written books on the topic.

Murakami started running soon after becoming a novelist, initially to lose weight he had gained from long hours of sitting and writing. He has since become a serious runner, completing more than 30 marathons. He said he runs to keep up his physical strength. "When you write, your physical

ability is extremely important," he said. "You sit all day and keep writing, so it takes a lot of energy, even though many people don't seem to believe me."

Rock music is his usual choice for running to keep a steady pace, he said, recommending "songs that you can sing along to, ideally those that give you courage."

Protagonists in Murakami's stories are often troubled young men seeking their self-identity in grim, dark or fantastical settings. But Murakami was upbeat and humorous during Sunday's program as in his short stories and essays, including his 2001 essay collection titled "Murakami Radio."

The publicity-shy Murakami said jokingly that sometimes he regrets not having a pen name. "Once I had a skin problem and went to a dermatology and venereology clinic, then a receptionist called out 'Murakami-san.' It was so embarrassing," he said.

Ahead of Sunday's show, Murakami said in a message released through Tokyo FM that he's collected so many records and CDs, he felt it would be more fun to share some of them than to keep the pleasure to himself. □

## 'Murphy Brown' weighs in on MeToo movement in series return

By BETH HARRIS

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)** — "Murphy Brown" will weigh in on the MeToo movement when the series starring Candice Bergen returns to a very different world in September, the show's creator said Sunday.

The 13-episode reboot reunites Bergen as a sharp-tongued investigative journalist and TV anchor with most of the original cast from the CBS show's initial 10-year run that ended in 1998 — before the internet and the rise of 24-hour cable news took hold. Once again, scripts will be inspired by current events, including the fourth episode entitled "(Hashtag) Murphy-Too."

Executive producer and writer Diane English told a TV critics' meeting the episode was developed months ago and inspired by the movement against workplace sexual harassment and assault that first gained momentum last fall. "It's a powerful movement," she said. "We wanted to do it justice."

English said the show's writing staff, comprised of men and women of different ages who are gay and straight, spent days discussing what she calls "a complicated issue."

"We came at it from so many different angles. Just the conversations we had in there, the perspectives that people have from

their own particular prism," English said. "I don't think there's probably a woman out here that hasn't had an experience with misogyny and misconduct."

However, English is not one of them. She says she never experienced any kind of sexual misconduct or misogyny at CBS, where CEO Leslie Moonves is under investigation for such behavior.

English said everyone on "Murphy Brown" takes the allegations against Moonves and other network employees raised in a recent New Yorker magazine article "extremely seriously" and fully supports the investigation.

"I'm focusing the show re-



Candice Bergen attends "Murphy Brown" panel during Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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ally through the prism of the press," English said. "The First Amendment and the free press is under attack

like I've never seen before. The press is not the enemy of the people." The series debuts Sept. 27. □



# Rocket City, Alabama: Space history and an eye on the future

By **MARCIA DUNN**

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**HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)** — The birthplace of NASA's rockets lies in the land of cotton, hundreds of miles from Cape Canaveral's launch pads.

From the first U.S. satellites and astronauts, to the Apollo moon shots, to the space shuttles and now NASA's still-in-development Space Launch System, rocket history inundates Huntsville, Alabama.

Huntsville's nickname, Rocket City, is thanks largely to Wernher von Braun and his team of fellow German-born rocketeers who settled here in the 1950s. The city has long been home to the Army's Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. But now it's attracting new generations of engineers, scientists and techies. Tourists come for the history. Kids and adults come to learn at Space Camp.

It was von Braun, Marshall's first director, who wanted to showcase Huntsville's rocket development and testing. Thus was born the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, an official NASA tourist spot that houses one of only three remaining Saturn V moon rockets, this one a National Historic Landmark.

Von Braun planted the seed for Space Camp as well. Why band camp, football camp and cheer-leading camp, but no science camp, he wondered. He didn't live long enough



In this July 13, 2018 photo, the last standing Saturn V rocket can be seen at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

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to see Space Camp open in 1982 at the rocket center, but since then, 800,000 youngsters and grown-up space fans have attended daylong, weekend or weeklong sessions with space, robotics and aviation themes.

Its address? One Tranquility Base, Huntsville. As in "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed," words spoken by astronaut Neil Armstrong when he landed on the moon with Buzz Aldrin. The 50th anniversary of those first moon steps is next July. Huntsville plans to shoot up thousands of little rockets in commemoration.

The DNA from America's original rocket force still permeates Huntsville, according to Deborah Barnhart, the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's executive director. It's Alabama's No. 1 paid tourist attraction,

with bus tours into the restricted Redstone and Marshall, and wild rocket-style rides like Space Shot and G-Force Accelerator.

"We're all space geeks and we love it," Barnhart said. But Huntsville isn't just about history. Ongoing research aims to return astronauts to the moon and on to Mars. "We're looking to the future, really looking to travel in space, trying to figure out the problems of living and working in space," Barnhart said.

Despite Huntsville's role, author Homer Hickam, a longtime Huntsville resident who's now retired from NASA, sees Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Houston getting most of the attention when it comes to space travel. Hickam's 1998 memoir "Rocket Boys" became the movie "October Sky."

"You look at all this whole great big Saturn V, and the only part that Houston was responsible for was, I don't know. This little part right here," Hickam said, laughing, as he pointed to the capsule at the tip of the 363-foot-long rocket, stretching horizontally in its massive exhibit hall.

German-style beer gardens are hosted beneath the Saturn V every Thursday evening, spring to fall. Engineers and their families mobbed a recent one. Beverages included T-Minus, a locally made, tangerine-flavored beer. Monkeynaut brew is also a favorite.

"It's probably the most sci-

entific small town in America," said retired Apollo program worker Billy Neal, a volunteer docent who shed his white lab coat for that night's Biergarten.

Miss Baker, the squirrel monkey who preceded Mercury astronauts into space in 1959, is buried at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Space Campers sometimes leave bananas at her tombstone.

Nearly 1,000 campers from around the globe swarmed the rocket center during a typical week this summer. They launched small rockets and got the feel of walking in space while dangling from the ceiling in harnesses or scuba diving in a water tank smaller but similar to what astronauts once used for practice. They were strapped into a mock cockpit coming in for a Mars landing and sat behind computers as flight controllers for the Mars mission. They even live in dor-

mitories that look as though they belong on the moon or Mars.

Camp counselors — called crew trainers — are mostly university students or recent graduates in STEM fields — science, technology, engineering or math.

In July, campers got to meet the first Space Camp graduate to actually launch into space, Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger. She attended a Space Academy for older students the same month that shuttle Discovery delivered the Hubble Space Telescope to orbit in 1990. She went on to fly aboard Discovery in 2010 as a NASA astronaut-educator.

Space Camp's simulations are "as realistic as they can be for what's done in a week," she said. "We can't train kids on a whole bunch of switches and circuit breakers and systems, but we can give them the big idea."

Her goal is to help campers "see that what they were doing this week isn't so very different than what we did in the program and how it prepares you for real space ... and then also to hopefully impart some things like all of us are going to go through rough times, but there are ways to stay plugged in."

As Metcalf-Lindenburger shook hands with each of the nearly 1,000 graduates at week's end, another Space Camp graduate, Serena Aunon-Chancellor, orbited Earth aboard the International Space Station. □



In this July 13, 2018 photo, visitors tour the Orion modules in the space camp program at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

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In this July 13, 2018 photo, NASA astronaut Dottie Metcalf discusses space travel and her experiences in space at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

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